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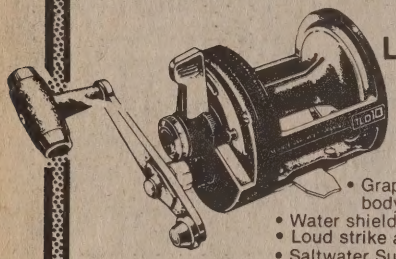

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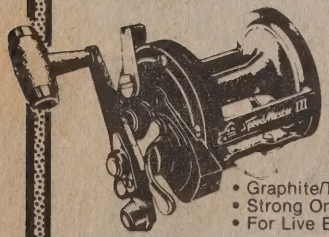

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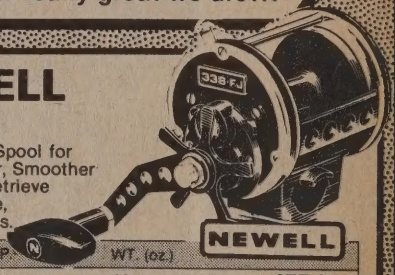

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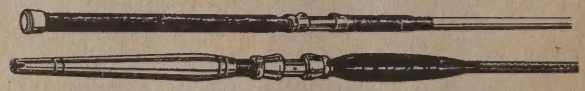

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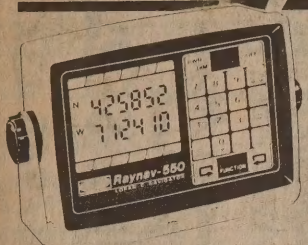

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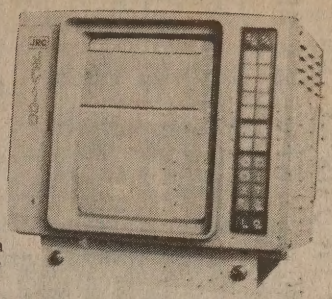

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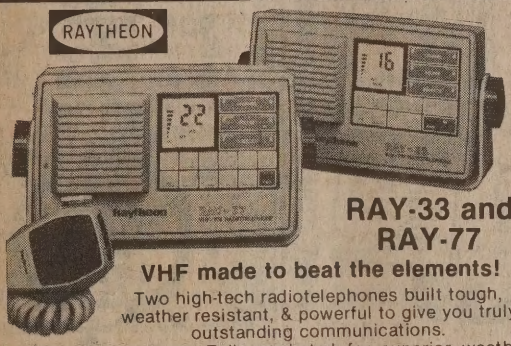

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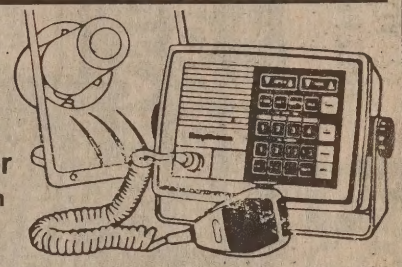

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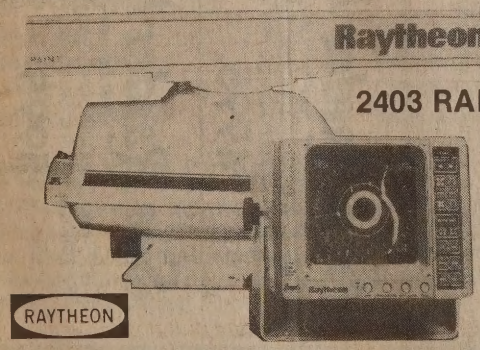

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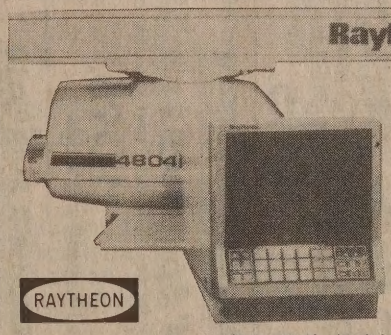

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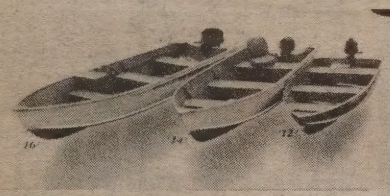

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Blackfish grow to impressive sizes on our ocean wrecks and reefs. These bulldogs were caught on a New York Bight wreck last fall aboard the Sea Lore. Matt Ahern has some thoughts on fishing for these ocean going brutes beginning on page 38. You'll also find a piece on North Fork tog on page 41. Pete Barrett Photo.

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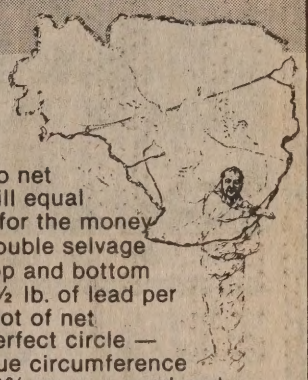

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Miami attorney Tim Choate was appointed Executive Director. Elected officers are: Win Rockefeller, President and Chairman; Steve Sloan, Vice Chairman; Don Tyson, Treasurer; and Len Bierman, Secretary.

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The Brentwood classes will be held from —PM to 10PM every Tuesday evening starting September 30th in the Brentwood High School Sonderling Bldg., located on Fifth Street in Brentwood. Registration will start at 7:30PM.

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Vonabell Sherman, Mrs. New York State, was crowned Queen of the Freeport In-Water Boat Show today. The well-known model and actress who has appeared in numerous feature films including Stardust Memories and Terms of Endearment, will reign over the region's largest In-Water Boat Show during its run at the Guy Lombardo Marina in Freeport, New York. Over 500 models of the newest 1987 boats will be on display, including the latest in marine electronics and accessories.

Show dates and times are September 26th, Red Carpet Day, 1-6PM, Saturday and Sunday, September 27th and 28th and Saturday and Sunday, October 4th and 5th, 10-6PM.

SPORT FISHING INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES INVENTORY OF SPORT FISHING CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

The Sport Fishing Institute, a national non-profit conservation organization concerned with the interests of sport fishermen and the sport fishing industry, is developing a profile of all sport fishing clubs and organizations for inclusion in the first computerized National inventory of such groups. "We hope to include every sport fishing organization in America in this inventory to provide a network for the exchange of views and positions regarding legislation, management and other critical fisheries issues among concerned parties," explained Gilbert C. Radonski, President of the Sport Fishing Institute.

Working under a grant from the Sport Fishery Research Foundation, the Sport Fishing Institute will survey the 4,000 known sport fishing clubs and organizations. The profile will include such information as number of members, affiliation with other organizations, species orientation, legislative concerns, etc. This information will facilitate bringing groups with similar interests together to confront issues affecting sport fishing. "Only through a united voice will the concerns of sport fishermen be heeded by decision makers locally and in Washington, D.C.," explained Radonski.

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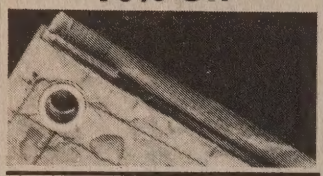

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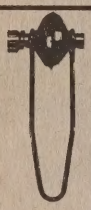

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BOATING SKILLS AND SEAMANSHIP COURSE

Beginning Monday, Sept. 29th, Flotilla 13-10 of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary will be offering a free Safe Boating Course at the Sylvia Packard Middle School in the Plainedge School District. The course will be given for 8 consecutive Monday evenings from 8 to 10PM. Enrollment will be limited on a first come, first served basis.

This very informative course is the most extensive offered by the Auxiliary. Interesting and practical topics, such as boat handling, rules of the road, aids to navigation, charts and compass, piloting, weather, radiotelephone and marine engines will be covered.

All registrants who successfully complete the course will receive an official certificate issued by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. The certificate is honored by most insurance companies for a discount on boat insurance.

For further information, please call Bea Cooper at (516) 221-3996, after 8PM.

SENATE WILL CONSIDER REGULATING DRIFT NETS

"The(se) nets create a devastating curtain of death for all living marine resourcs," declared Senator Ted Stevens upon introducing legislation to control drift gill netting in U.S. waters. The Alaskan senator, chairman of the Subcommittee on Merchant Marine, filed the bill out of concern for the effect of unregulated Japanese drift netting on salmon, marine mammals and seabirds in the northeastern Pacific.

The bill, S.2611, defines drift nets as free floating nets of plastic material 1½ miles or more in length, the size used by Japanese salmon and squid fishermen. Under the proposed law, any nation wanting to fish large drift nets in U.S. waters would be required to permit close monitoring by American officials to assess their impact on marine life. Observers would be placed onboard all vessels and the Department of Commerce would be directed to report to Congress annually on the impact of the nets. The legislation would also require that all nets be registered and marked; a reward be offered to anyone retrieving a lost net; and that the Commerce Department develop biodegradable nets that will self-destruct when lost.

The NCMC, as a strong advocate of strictly regulating drift nets and other types of gill nets, applauds Senator Stevens for taking an important step toward stemming the wasteful destruction of our marine resources. However, the Stevens bill is designed

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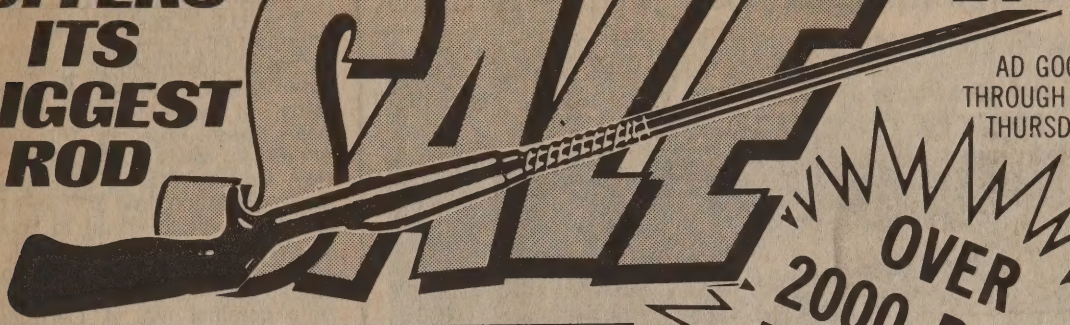

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not to affect drift nets used by American fishermen off southern California and New England, which are typically one-half to one mile long. The Senate is being encouraged to amend S.2611 to regulate the use of all drift nets off our coasts.

SAFE BOATING COURSE

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 13-6, Short Beach, New York, is again presenting a course at the Cow Meadow Park Administration Bldg., at the southern end of South Main Street, Freeport. This will be a six-lesson course, starting on Monday, October 6th, at 8PM sharp. A pre-registration time of 7:30PM is required by all to enroll in this Free course, which will continue every Monday thereafter. A text book and course paraphernalia will be supplied at a nominal fee. A Certificate of Graduation will be presented to those students who pass the final test at the end of the course. Most insurance companies allow a 10 percent deduction on boat insurance when this certificate is presented as proof of course education completion.

Additional information and pre-registration may be obtained by contacting the Public Education Officers, Doug Wiebolt, (516) 379-1665; Rich Cantwell (516) 379-1665, or Cmdr. Hal Gold, 516-378-7566.

THE ORVIS GUIDE TO OUTDOOR PHOTOGRAPHY

More and more people are finding that their time in the outdoors can be made more memorable and exciting by recording their activities on film. C. Boyd Pfeiffer says in the Introduction to *The Orvis Guide to Outdoor Photography* that:

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With many black and white photographs and a 4-page color insert, *The Orvis Guide to Outdoor Photography* is a book that will be read by amateur and professional photographers alike. It gives advice and information on valuable techniques for taking better photographs outdoors. Chapters are included on: cameras, lenses, film, filters, lighting and composition, flash photograph, field problems, shooting outdoor sports, and much, much more.

C. Boyd Pfeiffer is an accomplished outdoor photographer and writer whose work has appeared in such magazines as Field & Stream, Outdoor Life, Bass Master and Fly Fisherman. His other books, among them the popular Tackle Craft, have been praised for making complicated subjects easy to understand.

For more information, contact: Nick Lyons Books/Winchester Press, 220 Old New Brunswick Road, Piscataway, NJ 08854.

ARRA CLINCHES SECOND STRAIGHT DU PONT LONGCASTING TITLE

Ron Arra, a Cape Cod distance surfcasting expert, cast 656.5 feet to win the 1986 regional championship of the DuPont "Stren" Longcasting Tournament Series. Arra, who won the 1985 title, defended the top spot against seven regional champions from across the nation. The tournament was held in Harrisburg, Pa., June 9th, in conjunction with the 59th annual conference of the Outdoor Writers Association of America.

Robert Martin, of Plantsville, Conn., finished second with a cast of 630.5 feet. Third place winner Gary Born, of Berlin, NJ, cast 618.9 feet.

Arra received $1,000 in cash, a Remington Model 1100 Special Field shotgun, and other merchandise prizes. The second prize winner received $750 and third place won $500. All competitors received Plano tackle boxes, Western Cutlery knives and Coleman coolers.

The other finishers were: John Reason, San Jose, Calif., 603.4 feet; Terry Parsons, Sebastian, Fla., 595.3 feet; Larry Haack, Norfolk, Va., 592.5 feet; and Edward Harris, Houston, 484.9 feet.

The Longcasting Tournament Series is sponsored by the DuPont Company, maker of "Stren" monofilament fishing line and new "Prime" cofilament fishing line. Now in its second year, the series has introduced hundreds of surf fishermen to the "pendulum" surfcast technique. This method, a cross between a discus throw and a baseball bat swing, helps anglers add hundreds of feet to their casts.

ATLANTIC BLUEFIN TUNA CATCH RATE CHANGE

Effective since September 10, 1986, the catch rate for giant Atlantic bluefin tuna in the General Category has been increased from one to two fish per day per vessel. Richard H. Schaefer, Acting Regional Director, announced the change in catch rate, which is provided for in the Atlantic bluefin tuna regulations, to allow for maximum utilization of the quota for the General Category. This change is based on the relatively low total landings through September 1st. Only 195 short tons (st) of the 650 st quota have been landed and the average daily catch rate has been less than 4 st per day for the preceding two weeks.

This two fish/day catch rate will remain in effect for the remainder of 1986 or until the quota for the General Category is reached.

The change in catch rate does not apply to vessels permitted in other than the General Category.

FREE BOATING CLASS

The Old Field Point Power Squadron reminds boaters that it will begin a free 10 week evening course in safe boating this month in Port Jefferson.

The course is designed for skippers and would-be skippers and is open to men, women and teenagers.

Classes will be held at the Earl L. Vandermulen High School, Old Post Road, Port Jefferson on Tuesday, September 30th at 8PM. Registration for classes is from 7:30 to 8PM at the school on September 30th.

Classes cover the technique for safe handling of inboard, outboard and sailboats; also anchoring, basic knots, chart reading, course plotting, mariners compass, aids to navigation and safety afloat.

The Od Field Point Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, conducts the classes as a civic contribution to teach those interested in boating skills they must possess for safety on the water. Additional information can be obtained by calling (516) 732-4536 after 5PM daily.

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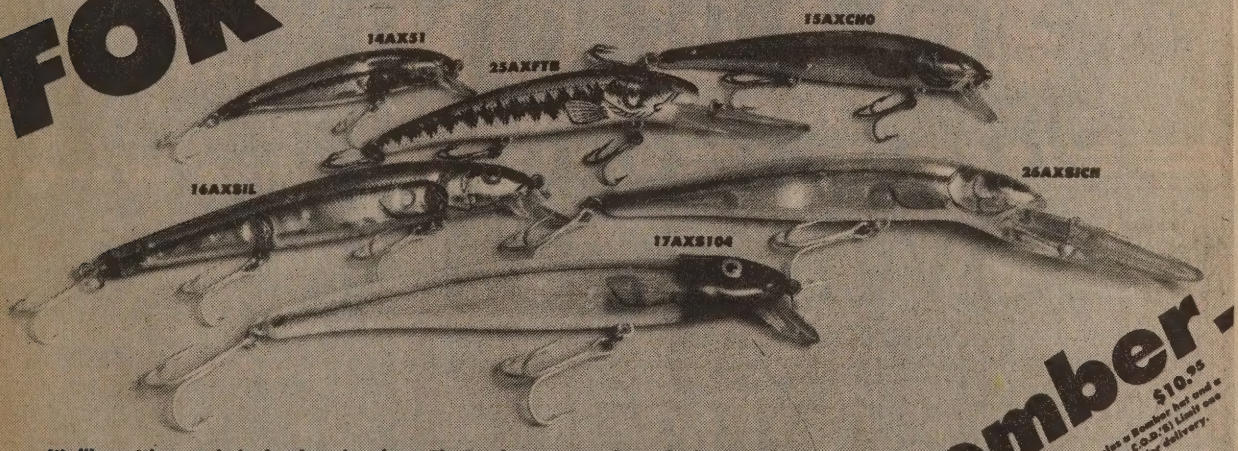

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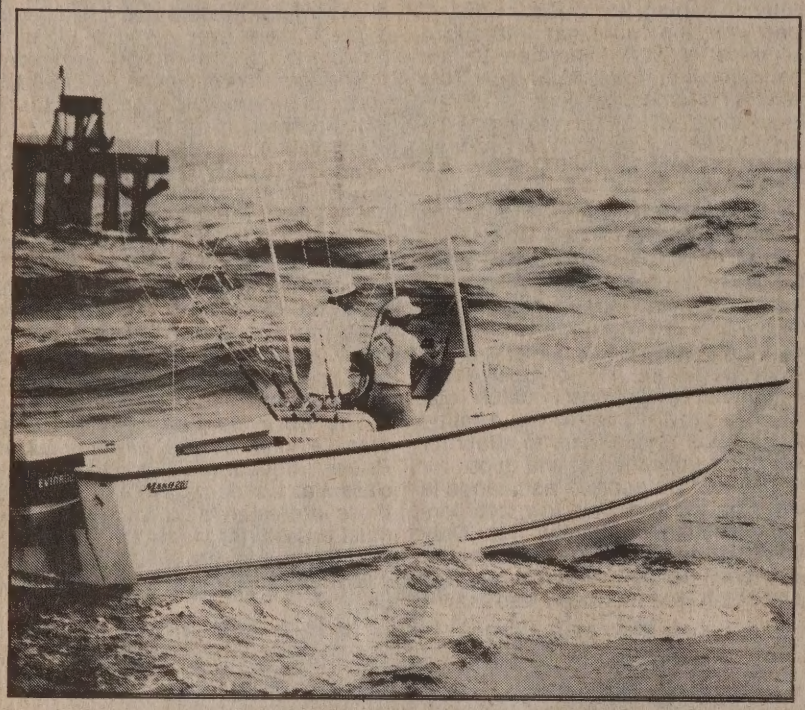

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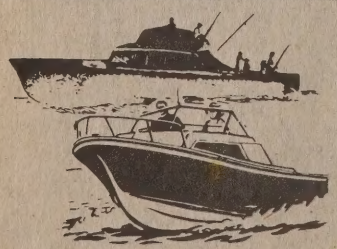

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LOWRANCE'S X-16 COMPUTER GRAPH

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It was truly a revolutionary instrument, capturing the minds, hearts and souls of fishermen, boaters and underwater search and rescue experts throughout the world.

Many classed it as the "ultimate" sonar unit.

However, Lowrance last year produced the X-15A, and now has the X-15B, both advancements of the X-15, with several new features provided by their microprocessors.

Now, Lowrance has another breakthrough. It is X-16, a sophisticated yet simple computer graph with features never before dreamed in the sonar world.

For instance, the X-15 series graphs measure to depths of 2490 feet in 10 foot segments. The new X-16 will measure in one foot segments, and with special transducers has depth capability of 8000 feet. That means that it has the possibility of no less than *32 million* range settings.

The new unit also has dual frequency capability. The X-15 series graphs were offered in separate units of 192 kilohertz or 50 kilohertz. An add-on box controlled by the unit's keyboard allows the use of 192 and 50 kilohertz transducers. This gives it the capability of measuring the underwater world in cone angles ranging from 8 to 45 degrees.

In addition, the X-16 incorporates a memory system which recalls the same settings and functions last programmed before being turned off.

The X-16 also will record Loran C navigational settings, printing coordinates on the chart paper upon command. It will interface with forthcoming Lowrance Loran C units. Loran C signals, now found throughout the world, provide for the exact location of any given point on land or water, or in the air, through a small navigational instrument.

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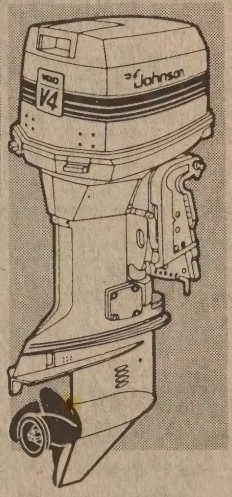

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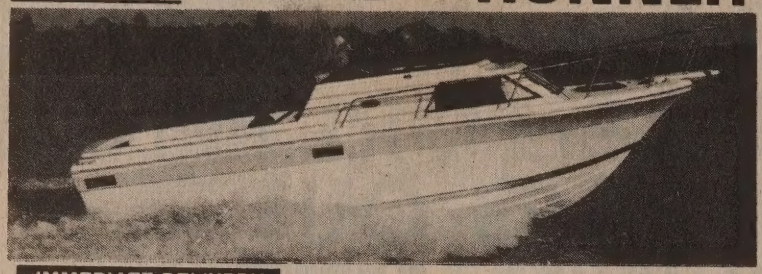

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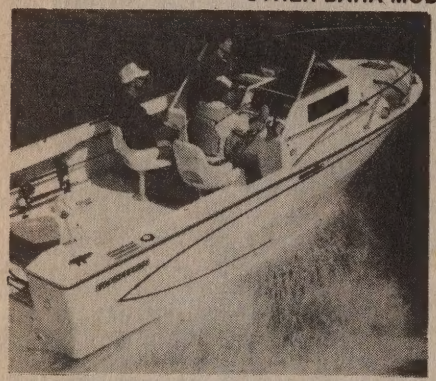

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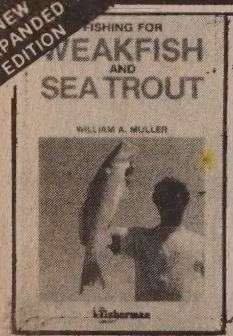

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7-step paper saving system, both controlled by the computer. A new type of processor has enabled Lowrance engineers to double the printing capability of the unit, providing even finer resolution (the ability to separate fish from the bottom or each other) than the X-15 series.

It will incorporate eight levels of surface clutter control, compared with four levels on previous units, and will include an automatic suppression system to overcome electrical or cavitational interference.

Another new feature allows the operator to select light, medium or dark chart images. All range and scale settings, and various number functions on the X-16 will be printed evenly. They will not be jammed or expanded with the changing of chart speed.

The X-16 will not replace the X-15B in the company's line. It will, because of its intricate computer system, be higher priced. In addition to all the new features, others found in the X-15 series will be retained: the ability to measure in feet, fathoms and meters; adjustable pulse width settings for greater definition in various depth ranges; a new easy-load tilt-out paper drive system; and Lowrance's patented Grayline feature which discriminates between true bottom and objects on the bottom such as rocks, fish and wrecks.

Like all Lowrance sonar units, it can be operated at speeds of 75 miles an hour or more; has a lighted display for night use, and gold plated contacts. When soaked with rain or salt spray, it can be hosed off with fresh water without fear of damage or injury to vital electronics parts.

Contact the Public Relations Department, Lowrance Electronics, Inc., 12000 East Skelly Drive, Tulsa, OK 74128, for more information on the X-16 and other Lowrance products.

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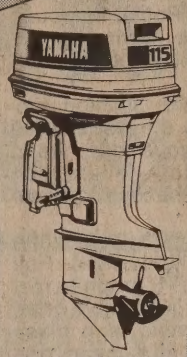

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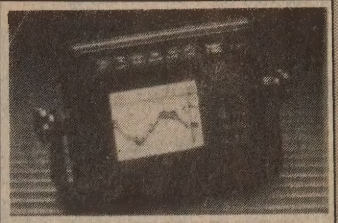

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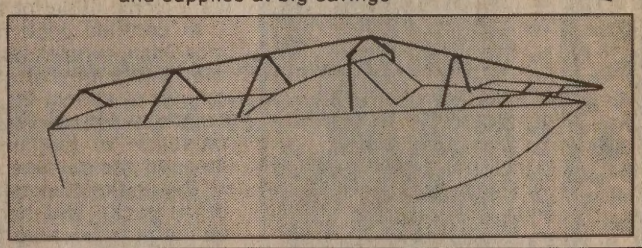

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For more information, contact: Kunnan Tackle Co., 9590 Candida St., Dept. P, San Diego, CA 92126; (619) 566-9200 or TOLL FREE outside California (800) 874-7206.

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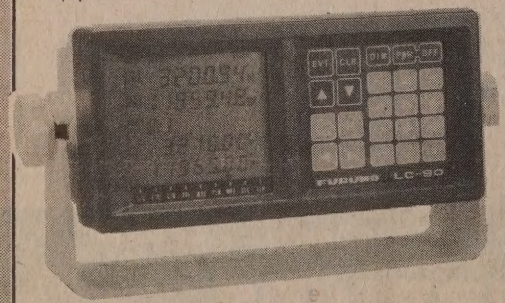

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"With solid state construction, a full computer and no moving parts, the Z-6000 is amazingly simple to operate," he said.

"Some LCD units look similar to it," Lowrance added, "but they are crude from a technology standpoint, more difficult to operate, and offer a minimum of features.

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The 250GR also has a pushbutton quick release spool for changing line tests swiftly and an oversize drag knob with audible click stops and handy reference numbers.

The 250GR spinning reel is ideal for strong and swift marine fish like barracuda, bluefish and bonito as well as large freshwater species like muskie and salmon.

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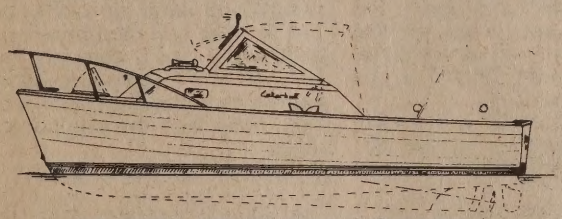

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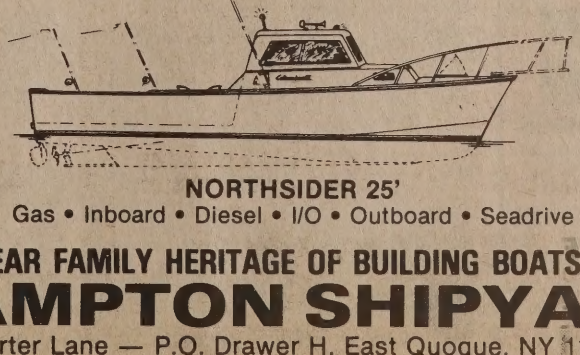

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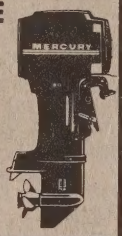
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BOATS FOR ANGLERS:

PHOENIX 29

by Pete Barrett

The Phoenix 29 was first introduced over 10 years ago and since that time has gained a worldwide reputation as a seaworthy boat for fishermen, cruisers and divers. There are Phoenix 29s in Europe, Africa, the Bahamas, South and Central America, Japan and Southeast Asia. At home here in America, you'll find the 29 from Cape Cod to Montauk, from the Mud Hole to Delaware Bay and from Indian River to Hatteras and Florida.

I've had the pleasure of riding in or running several 29s over the last few years and have been very impressed with the boat and especially the gentle ride. Returning from one very bad NW sea after a day's bluefishing, I was surprised at the way the Phoenix 29 handled a 4 to 6 foot head sea. The boat never pounded and despite a very short chop, everyone on board was comfortable. Florida's blustery winter sailfish fronts also proved the boat's seaworthiness.

The soft ride is credited to the Jim Wynne deep vee hull design that also features unique propeller pockets that look like molded-in tunnels in the aft portion of the hull. Aside from providing a better angle of power transfer from the engines to the props, the pockets also minimize the draft of the hull allowing the 29 to operate in relatively shallow water. Larger props are then used by Phoenix in the pockets which turn at slightly slower RPMs for fuel economy, yet still delivering full hull speed and power.

Phoenix builds the 29 with a one-piece molded inner liner bonded during the construction process directly to the hull. The result is a very strong hull that has enough flex to "give" as a boat has to in tough seas, yet stil provides the right amount of stiffness to make the hull strong and durable. The 29 cuts into the seas firmly with no feeling of mushy handling. My experiences showed the boat handled well in following seas and quarter seas off the bow. The deep vee hull did not snap roll while drifting due to the wide chine. Trim tabs are standard items and eliminate the leaning that occurs on windy days when the vee wants to ride off center.

The Phoenix 29 invites close inspection. Everywhere you look on the boat you will find high quality workmanship matched to high quality selection of construction materials. The quality shows through in little details like the neatly harnessed wiring, the well planned plumbing in the bilges, the sturdy engine mounts, the fit of cabinetry in the dinette and cabin, the truly waterproof fitting cabin windows and the choice of stainless hardware.

Rudders and props are bronze, matched to stainless shafts. Bronze through-hull fittings are matched to bronze sea cocks for watertight integrity. All mechanical parts for steering gear, stuffing boxes, trim tab pumps and water are readily accessible. Service and maintenance of the engines is handy through the deck hatches and a three-piece deck liner can be removed for major work and total access to the engine compartment.

The flybridge is well laid out with in-

struments and controls within handy reach while seated at the helm bench seat. There is room to nestle electronics in the three lockable shelves below the instruments. The fold-out panels that cover the shelves are mounted on spring locked hinges and provide enough room to mount a loran, VHF, graph recorder and SSB. Flush mount electronics like digital depth finders, engine synchros, surface water temperature gauges and fume detectors are easily mounted. Phoenix had done an admirable job of providing lots of electronics space. A stainless steel railing and ladder surrounds the bridge.

Measuring approximately 9X12 feet inside the combings, the cockpit has just over 100 square feet of generous fish fighting room for a 29 footer. The large access hatch to the bilge must be secured before a fight chair can be mounted, a very easy job that all Phoenix dealers are familiar with. An option that adds tremendously to the fishability of the 29 is the cockpit control module complete with shift and throttle controls and steering. The captain is only a few steps away from helping to boat a big fish.

Choice of materials in the cabin is excellent for fishermen. The bulkheads are covered with light cream colored formica trimmed with teak for easy cleaning and for reflection of ambient light in the cabin. Even with the window curtains closed, the cabin seems bright. Seat cushions are firm and covered with a water repellent fabric, again to aid cleaning.

The forward vee berth sleeps two average sized adults. The dinette converts into a berth and the starboard side has a couch/berth and an optional hanging berth above it. The dinette sports a refrigerator, stove, sink and generous storage drawers and cabinets for food and cookware. The head, too, has lots of storage, a mirror, stand-up shower and, of course, a marine head with optional overboard discharge.

The list of standard items includes bilge pumps, bilge blower, bonding system, bow pulpit, stainless bow rail, dual batteries, shore power, heavy duty aluminum rub rail, complete gauges, complete service and breaker panel, Morse controls and a long list of additional items.

Available with diesel or gas power and in three cabin configurations, the Phoenix 29 is a tested and time proven winner for inshore and offshore fishing.

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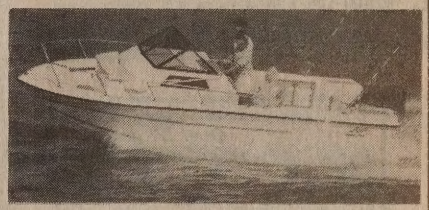

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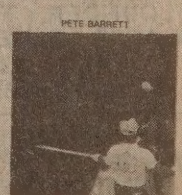

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★ PRODUCT REVIEW ★

CRACK 300 SPINNING REEL

by Fred Golofaro

In the world of sand, wind and spray, one reel has built an enviable reputation as the workhorse of the surf crowd. From Cape Cod to Cape Hatteras, the Crack 300 is recognized by veteran surfmen as the most powerful spinning reel available for heavy duty surf work. Its reputation dates back many years, to a time when the big coffee grinder was known as a Luxor.

Many of the original Luxors are still going strong with 20 years of hard fishing to their credit. You'll hear few veteran surfmen bad mouth these big reels which are ideally suited to handle big baits and lures in heavy water. They have withstood the test of time in an arena that has caused many other reels to fall by the wayside.

"Coffee grinder" is perhaps the

The Crack 300 built its reputation on rugged conditions such as these. The big reel continues to function despite being submerged in the wash. ***Dick Mermon photo.***

most apt description for these hefty reels, which weigh in at 1.7 pounds. They will literally grind their way through the thickest solution of sand and sea you're likely to encounter. When fishing the ocean surf, it's a common occurrence for spinning reels to be submerged in a sandy wash which frequently stops many other reels cold. Sand is no obstacle to the Crack as it just seems to keep right on grinding.

Despite the popularity of these reels, Cracks, as they later became known, disappeared from the American marketplace for a period of several years as the cost for importing them became prohibitive. It has only been the past couple of years that they have again become available in the States, exclusively through I.D.E. Importers. In the interim, it was not unusual to see original Crack 300s being sold privately for anywhere from $75 to $150, such was the demand. Prior to their disappearance from the American market, the reels were readily available for about $35. Such as the laws of supply and demand.

There has been much discussion among the beach crowd comparing the current model with the originals. Basically, it is the same powerful reel, but there are some differences. The most obvious is in the color. Formerly a dark grey with a black spool, the Crack now sports a sea green finish. Some might consider it gaudy. I have heard it referred to on the beach as "puke green." Also new is an aluminum spool which I must admit, I saw two of explode in one day last fall. Both collapsed under the strain of monster blues in a heavy sweep. While this may seem an obvious flaw, it is one easily corrected by winding some yarn onto the spool as backing to cushion the tremendous pressure caused by compressed monofilament. My last criticism of the new 300, is that the line roller has a tendency to wear out in a very short time, requiring a backup supply of line rollers.

Despite these shortcomings, the big reel still has its place on the Atlantic Coast surf scene. Its oversize spool enables longer casts and its power remains unmatched. The reel is also available in a manual pickup model as the 300S, a feature which I would highly recommend. Many surf fishermen have original Cracks which are in need of one replacement part or another. They will be happy to know that I.D.E. is importing a full line of parts that will put those old favorites back in commission.

The Crack 300 and 300S are available exclusively from I.D.E. for $99.95 (New York residents must add sales tax). The price may be a bit steep for the average surfman, but for the caster looking to cover those big fish-heavy water situations, the reel is a sound investment.

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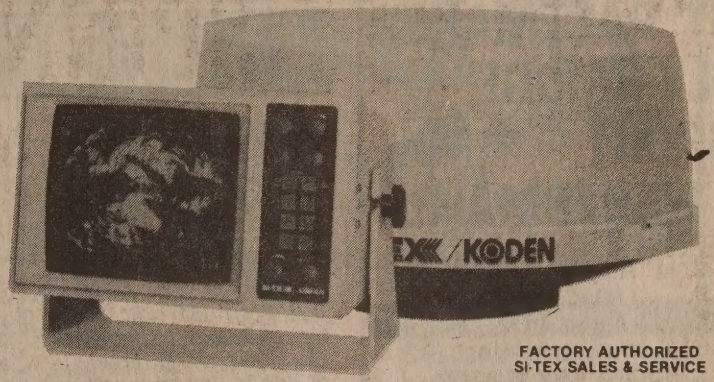

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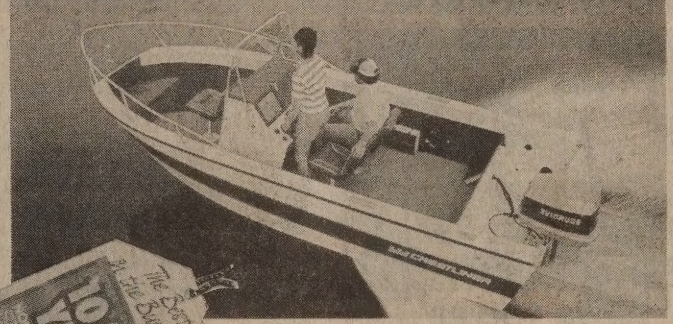

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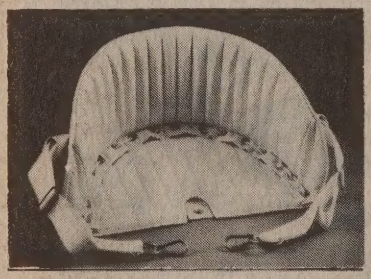

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

I am fairly new at fishing and I really enjoy it. The problem I have is not knowing enough to catch the fish I want. I do not have a boat, so I'm limited to fishing in the bays, along the beach or around inlets.

Last year I had some success with fluke, but this year I want those big blues, weakfish and stripers. My problem, like many others, is what type of rigs to use and when to use them. Most fishermen I've talked to like to keep their secrets to themselves. Is there any type of book or books that will help me. *Don Brislin.*

Dear Don,

Everyone who fishes had to start somewhere. And, as you mention, most fishermen are very reluctant to reveal their hard earned secrets.

I can offer several options. First, pick up a copy of "Surf Fishing With The Experts," written by William A. Muller and Richard Reina. It is available through The Fisherman, Bridge Street, P.O. Box 1994, Sag Harbor, NY 11963 at a price of $12.95 plus $2.25 for sales tax, postage and handling. This is a thorough hard cover book on the how-to of surf fishing and anyone who is just getting into fishing or who has been at it for a number of years can pick up some very useful information.

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Dear Doc,

I've got one for you. I'd like to know the names and addresses of all major hook manufacturers that are selling their hooks in the United States. Also, how about an article describing exactly what kind of hooks to use for each species of fish, on plugs, trolling lures and such? I'd bet many readers, including myself, would really like something such as I've described.

One more thing. What is the best technique for hooking fluke? Do you use a dropback method or do you just set the hook when you feel a fluke biting? *Robert Mandley.*

Dear Robert,

I'll get the second part of your question out of the way first. We use both

Books are a good way to sharpen your surf skills.

methods, giving some dropback to allow the fluke time to mouth the bait and then swallow it and also setting the hook when we feel the fish has the bait in its mouth. This doesn't mean that we try to stick the fish at the first second we feel it on the bait. Quite the contrary. When seeking fluke we will usually allow the fish a moment to munch on his lunch before lifting the rod tip to set the hook. At other times, we'll give a short dropback so the fish has taken the bait. Whether to allow a brief dropback or to set the hook quick depends on how the fish are biting at that particular time. Some days the fluke will drop a bait if you give it a slack line. At other times, dropping back to the fish is a must-do procedure. And, we've also found days when we had to get the line tight and maybe even pull it up and off the bottom in order to get the fluke to attack with its normal amount of aggressiveness. You can never say never when seeking any species of fresh or salt water fish for they can be as finicky or as voracious as a spoiled house cat and what works today might not produce tomorrow.

The addresses of the major hook manufacturers are: Eagle Claw (Wright & McGill), 4245 E. 46th Ave., Denver, CO 802160 O. Mustad & Son (USA) Inc., 185 Clark St., Box 838, Auburn, NY 13021; Tru-Turn Hooks, 100 Red Eagle Rd., P.O. Drawer 767, Wetumpka, AL 36092; and V.M.C. Inc., 1482 West County Road, C, St. Paul, MN 55113.

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Dear Doc,

Where can I get the Lamiglas blank which was described on Page 22 of your February 13th issue? I would appreciate receiving the information.

John Ketz.

Dear John,

The blank you are looking for is Lamiglas SB 135 3M and it's available through most mail order catalogs, or at tackle shops catering to rod builders. Check the classified section for shops that sell rod building components and write or call to see if they can get you that particular blank.

The Lamiglas Company does not sell any of their products to individuals. This is virtually standard among most manufacturers. They normally market through jobbers or Rep groups, which in turn, sell to the tackle shop or sporting goods store owner.

There are hundreds of mail order houses that sell rod blanks and rod building components. It would take half this magazine just to list them. Also, many, many tackle shops and sporting goods stores handle a full line of blanks and related materials for the sports person who wants to build a custom rod. Again, far too many to list. Check around your local area, ask at some of the stores if they will special order the blank for you. This is the quickest and easiest solution to your problem.

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MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS A PRIORITY

by William A. Muller

The battle between commercial and recreational fishermen is an old and annoying problem. It was created by a conflict for access and space between two groups with vastly different techniques and sustained and exacerbated by the bad behavior of people and the increase in population near water-recreation areas.

The commercial fisherman sees his activity as a God-given right, supported by a long tradition and the need to feed a family. The recreational fisherman sees his activity as a God-given right of a person pursuing leisure in a free society.

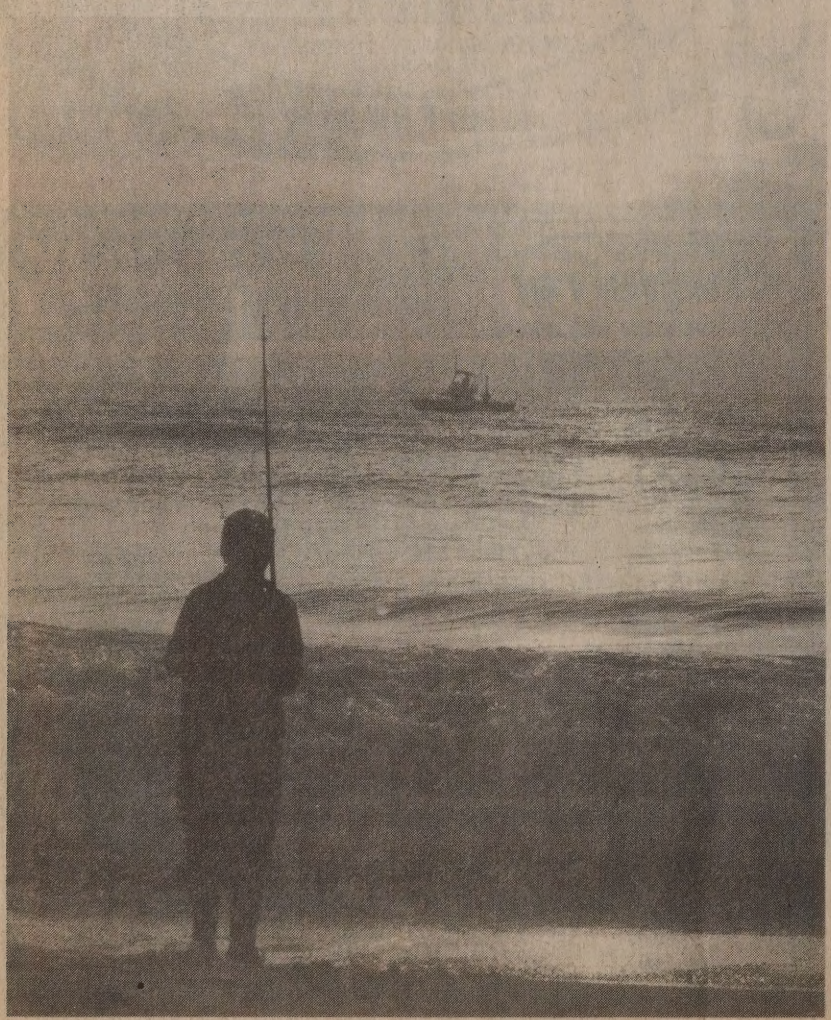
Arguments as to who should receive the lion's share of the access and resource have heated up in recent years because of population crunch, the advances in fishing technology (especially in the commercial ranks) and the increasing effects of pollution, area closures and the loss of habitats, particularly wetlands.

Thus, commercial fishermen attempt to harvest as much of the resource as they can, claiming a responsibility to provide needed protein and that the rapid turnover of life in the sea allows for large harvests. With sophisticated technology, large and fast boats, and an increasing number of both domestic and foreign commercial fishermen, more and more metric tons of finfish and shellfish are being taken from the ocean. A further complication is the rise of "pinhooking" (commercial hook and line fishing) as a prominent method of harvest for some species. More and more pinhookers have blurred the distinction between commercial and recreational harvesters because of the use of recreational-type equipment to harvest fish for sale, which is commercial.

More and more, the commercial fisherman is being glorified in magazines, books, legend, song and with public officials. One can understand the ease with which this has happened. Like the cowboy, the commercial fisherman, replete with pipe, yellow slicker and rain hat, is a symbol of earlier Americans who made this country great.

Today, relatively few members of the commercial fishing community are descendants of commercial fishing families. Instead, most of today's commercial fishermen are people displaced by failing industries, young people without education seeing an opportunity to work at hours of choice and a potential for a good pay check and wealthy professionals seeking a way to shelter money or achieve a tax write-off. How many of the newest, fastest, and largest commercial vessels are owned and operated by traditional fishermen? Typically, the boat is owned by a conglomerate of physicians, engineers, investors, bankers, etc.

The irony is that many of the long-standing family owned and operated commercial fishing businesses have been put behind the eight ball by newcomers to the industry backed by big bucks. The fact is also that there are very few of these traditional fishermen and their numbers are declining every year. They simply cannot compete with modern vessels, modern technology and large financial resources. Few traditional commercial fishermen can finance conversions to faster and bigger boats along with the benefits of modern technology. Many of them don't want to because they are trying to hold onto a life style that has been a family tradition for hundreds of years. The truth is that it will not be recreational fishing, or large commercial operations, or pollution that will kill this life style and is killing their life style. No, it is the fact that nothing lasts forever



Most recreational fishermen are better educated to management needs than their commercial counterparts.

and there is little room for cattle driving cowboys and old-fashioned fishermen. The future lies in space, in technology, in farming the seas. Even the sophisticated commercial operations that have become so popular since the mid-70s are already dinosaurs that are in the process of extinction. Reason: the sea simply cannot support these harvests.

So, the current situation is that recreational fishermen in the New York area, for example, number about two million and contribute about $200 million annually to the economy of the State of New York. There are less than 100 full time commercial fishermen whose contribution to the state's economy is miniscule. Further, fish do not choose to swim into a net, but they do choose to bite a baited hook. Result: recreational anglers need very large numbers of fish to make worthwhile catches, but commercial fishermen continue to take fish even after populations are very low.

In the years ahead, who will win and who will lose should the struggle for resources continue. Clearly, the recreational industry will come out on top. Politicians are not going to lose such a large tax base, they will not tolerate the complaints should millions of recreational-based jobs begin to decline. Politicians will and have sacrificed the cowboys and commercial fishermen of this world for a good tax base and a quiet constituency.

Is there a solution to this conflict? Is there a way for a future in which both groups thrive? The answer is a resounding yes, but only if we take the kinds of management steps now that are needed.

What management steps? Clearly, if habitats are protected and kept clean, there will be more fish. Clearly, if fish are harvested in appropriate numbers, at appropriate sizes, in appropriate places, at appropriate times and with appropriate gears, populations of fish will flourish in our waters. If fish flourish in our waters, then we will all catch plenty of fish. That will mean rules, regulations and restrictions for harvest on both user groups, but the dividends for our modest investment today will be great runs of fish tomorrow.

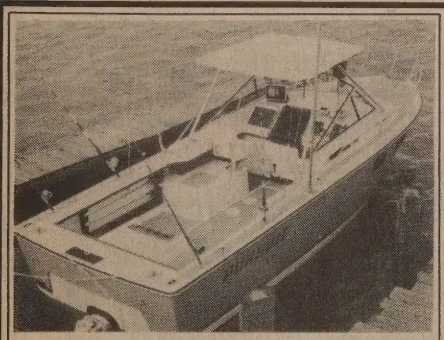
And by tomorrow I don't mean 20 years. Many, if not most, finfish can recover within a few years if we give them the chance.

Clearly, this is the only logical future. Each user must be willing to give up the notion of killing all the fish they can when they can, in favor of promoting that which will ensure a solid future. This concept is already taking hold in the recreational industry. Twenty years ago almost no one released a fish. Today millions of bass, blues, weaks, flounder, fluke, etc., are released by recreational fishermen interested in preserving a future. When there are a few to eat in the cooler, let the rest go, they say. Yes, they say we will support size limits for species of fish we catch because we understand their usefulness is limited at today's small size and that they will grow and come back next year.

Further, one is impressed with the knowledge of today's anglers. They know how to release a fish so that its chances for survival are very, very high. They know about legal size limits too, and they pressure each other to put back the excess catch.

Can the commercial sector see the value of this approach someday? Will they stop resisting restrictions on mesh sizes? Will they understand the importance of not harvesting fish on their spawning grounds and in their swimways? Will there be a day when they will not harvest and ship fish that fetch a price that is so low it costs the commercial man to ship? Does the tax write-off justify mass killing of a valuable resource that, once lost, cannot be replaced? Will the commercial fisherman become more willing to be a farmer instead of a taker?

These are profound questions for the future. Time and history will tell if they can be answered positively. In the meantime, let us try to focus on a fact that no one can disagree with. If we protect our fish habitats and manage fish resources wisely, there will be many more fish for everybody tomorrow.



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SURFSIDE BLUES

by John Fritz

Blues! Blues! Blues! At certain times of the year they seem to be everywhere, to the dismay of a few, but to the delight of most. The inhabitants of peaceful north shore coves become panic-stricken as swarms of bluefish surge through their area, much the same as the Mongol hordes of old swept through eastern Europe. The turbulent surf zone of our ocean beaches harbors little shelter for its creatures as the blue devils enter the very wash in pursuit of prey. Receding waves reveal hundreds of hapless baitfish stranded on the beach, the frenzied beating of their bodies against the damp sand fails to arouse the interest of the satiated gulls resting nearby. At times like this, catching bluefish is easy—too easy; a simple matter of flinging a lure seaward, a situation which detracts somewhat from the appeal of surf fishing. Don't get me wrong. I'm not a masochist who delights in beating the surf for hours on end without so much as a hit. One must admit though, that there is a greater degree of satisfaction when the heft of the stringer is the result of practiced skills and a knowledge of the sport rather than tossing a lure, any lure, into a maelstrom of aroused bluefish. During the course of the season, though, particularly after suffering through what is commonly referred to as the summer doldrums, everyone needs to experience a bluefish blitz.

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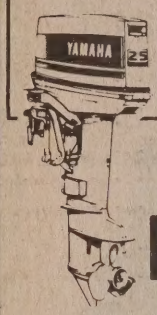
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After so many fruitless nights, the thrill of a bent rod and a straining drag reinforces the yearning which draws sane men to the water's edge, not to mention one's ego.

The fall run of bluefish along our Island's beaches runs the gamut from total absence to staggering abundance. In times of scarcity, blues are sought with the same zeal as their cousins in the surf, the wary striped bass and the delicate weakfish. Even when blues are in short supply there are certain locations where they are more likely to be found on a regular basis. The list of their favored haunts of the past is extensive. Some attract masses of fish year after year, other areas are ignored after several seasons of abundance, while some catch the fancy of passing schools and become the seasonal hotspot. Certain locations require a specific set of circumstances to produce fish; for others, it is necessary to only apply a bit of patience.

On the north shore of Long Island the vast majority of surf fishermen pursue their sport from the trunks of their cars, finding suitable parking within a reasonable distance of the fishing area is critical. Thankfully, most governmental agencies relax their ban on non-residents after the summer season. This, coupled with the access granted by our state parks, provides the north shore angler with several decent opportunities to catch bluefish. Individual initiative can expand one's possibilities, but publication of certain areas draws crowds, crowds draw attention and attention invariably draws a response from local government. If clandestine access to a private beach is achieved, it would be foolish to jeopardize one's success by making it common knowledge.

When in pursuit of bluefish during the first weeks of autumn in Long Island Sound, shorebound anglers have a choice between plugging smallish fish during the daylight hours or fishing bait at night for monsters. There is some qualification in this statement, but with normal weather conditions prevailing, this is generally the pattern. One major exception occurs when teen blues are herding bunker within the confines of certain harbors. At such times few anglers care to cast plugs to the marauding predators as fresh snagged bunker ensure a quick response. Aside from such isolated incidents such as these or unique situations such as that which occurred at Horton's in '77, bluefish is the name of the game the entire length of the south shore, starting early on in Montauk and gradually increasing in tempo further west as the days shorten and the winds chill.

Setting a pattern begun in the waning days of August, the forays of cocktail blues along Montauk's sand beaches, should be reaching maximum intensity shortly. Although schools may appear at any time, regardless of tide, in any location, the morning hours have offered a better chance of success. Mobile surf fishermen do have an advantage as they can pursue these fish in their movements along the shore. Frequently, though, the chase is unnecessary, for the bluefish will reappear in the very place the anglers just abandoned. Fishermen, limited to the distance they can walk from the hard top, have several excellent areas within their reach. The beach front in the vicinity of the Atlantic Terrace on the east side of town, repeatedly plays host to schools of bluefish and crowds of eager anglers. Further west, as Old Montauk Highway begins its roller coaster path past the resort hotels, a small parking area overlooks another favorite location. The shore from this point west to Hither Hills is generally inaccessible to the average walking surf fisherman, but the waterfront lying within the state park at Hither Hills provides consistent action throughout the run. From here west, past the Hamptons, just about every road ending contributes a throng of expectant anglers.

Before departing the tip of the South Fork, the shoreline referred to as "Up Front," from North Bar to the Lighthouse, experiences periods of blitz-type plugging on a more scheduled interval. The ebb tides flush the baitfish from their areas of sanctuary among the tidal pools near Rocky Point. The bluefish lie in wait in rips such as at North Bar or harass their prey in their journey past the Light. Anglers plugging this rocky area prefer to use the standard popping plug with the customary trebles replaced by a single tail hook; on the sand beaches, shiny tins are more commonly used.

When the blue devils are not flooding the entire oceanfront, specific areas are more likely to harbor concentrations of fish. The major south shore inlets continue to attract fish with each ebbing tide. Anglers working the two eastern inlets are more apt to rely on artificial lures, using the popular daylight items until sunset, after which darters or needlefish continue to arouse interest with the arrival of darkness. Even though the bulk of the action at Shinnecock and Moriches Inlets takes place within the confines of the stabilizing rock jetties there is usually ample spill-over along the adjacent beaches to ensure a limited amount of success for those uncomfortable with casting from the rocks. Comfort is not the sole factor to consider when determining where one fishes: the powerful currents surging through these sluiceways forces an angler to alter the normal retrieve of his lure and to stop a hooked fish short in its efforts to gain the open sea.

The west jetty at Shinnecock receives the most attention, especially from casual fishermen, the inlet lies at the edge of ample parking. The eastern shore is more the domain of buggy fishermen. Frequently several can be seen, clustered at a point

several hundred yards to the east, where an extensive sand bar nudges the beach. The shore, from here to Moriches, is similar to the terrain found out east, road endings and vacant parking lots provide sporadic access to the shore for road bound anglers. Moriches Inlet itself lies only in the realm of the 4x4s. When bluefish flood the inlet, casters line the seaward half of each jetty, while the western contingent takes its fair share of fish, the east jetty fishermen seem to consistently outproduce their opposite counterparts. The County of Suffolk provides two parking lots in this general area: one is at Cupsogue; the other at Smith Point. Both provide the walk-on angler the opportunity to share in the action, whether it be plugging fish during the day or slinging a chunk of bait for monsters after sunset. The six miles of shore spanning either side of the Smith Point Bridge offers the mobile sport fisherman the last opportunity to pursue migrating fish before entering the forbidden zones to the west. The mile of access at Democrat Point and the on again, off again access at Gilgo offers little chance for local anglers to engage in this dying sport. Thankfully, there are access sites from the western portion of Fire Island through to Jones Inlet to provide the means to cast a lure. The inlet areas receive the most attention as the fall run gains momentum but late October and most of November witness outstanding fishing on the open beaches, with Parking Field #4 at Robert Moses and Parking Field #6 or West End II at Jones Beach sharing in much of the action.

While the town park at Point Lookout is the scene of repeated encounters with predator species, temporarily delayed in their journey south by the profuse offerings flushed through Jones Inlet, the shore from this point to the Rockaways receives scant attention from non-resident anglers. The public access granted in the western section of the Rockaway Peninsula, Fort Tilden and the Gateway area at Breezy Point, often continues to provide quality fishing long after fishermen out east have cut the tape.

To fully detail the magnitude and importance of the fall run of bluefish along our shore would fill the contents of of a good sized novel. Given the plight of the striped bass and weakfish, bluefish provide the bulk of the action for most Long Island surf fishermen. Even in their abundance they continue to afford a challenge, tactics change or locations once harboring immense numbers of fish are now barren, only to be found a short distance further on. At times these fish will show their disdain for all that is cast their way, frustrating the legions of anglers playing the shore. Tired muscles, scraped hands, worn out tackle and most importantly, a feeling of satisfaction, will be clear testimony when the combination for success is determined.

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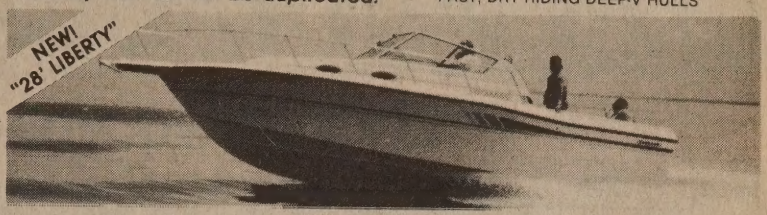

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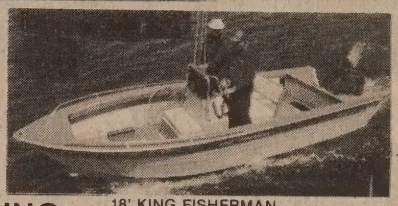

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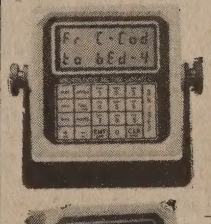

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OFFSHORE WRECKS FOR FALL BLACKFISH

by Matt Ahern

Ocean wrecks have a reputation for producing bulldogs that are the envy of every sinker bouncer.

Inshore fall blackfishing was discussed last week. This week, as promised, we'll take up the pursuit of old chiesel-tooth on the offshore grounds.

I suppose I could have squeezed both articles in one by just hitting the high spots; but while similarities in the fishing exist—such as riggings and baits—there are enough important differences between the two to warrant an additional article.

Because I was reared on offshore party boat fishing, inshore angling for rough and tumble blackfish doesn't appeal to me the way offshore sinker bouncing does. And too, the average blackfish caught in deeper offshore areas are usually larger than those taken inshore.

I know some fishermen will dispute me on that, but I can only tell you of personal experience. I have, on occasion, taken blackfish to 8 lbs. when fishing the Peconic area and I know much larger ones are caught in this locality, but few top the 14 lber. I nailed on rocky bottom on the offshore Seabright, New Jersey grounds in the long ago (1931).

Since then, I've taken a fair share of 10 and 12 pounders on various banks and wrecks in the New York Bight, but most have been between 2 and 5 lbs.—which isn't really bad fishing. And I've caught scads of one and two pounders from the same areas. In fact, before I discovered the error of my ways, those were about all I could catch.

What was responsible for the change from those one and two pounders? A change from these to occasional bulldog blacks? I'd like to tell you that it was my own doing—but that would be far from the truth. Oh, I had the desire to catch bigger fish, all right. But I'll tell you right now that when it came to blackfishing, I was a pretty dumb kid. Stubborn, too; which is a trait not conducive to good fishing—as any experienced sinker bouncer will tell you.

If you've caught other bottom feeders before, but never blackfish, be prepared for something unexpected. It won't take long before you realize that you've never crossed paths with a fish more exasperating. And independent. Boy, is it ever independent! Though scores of blackfish may be feeding just five feet away, you will never hook one if your bait isn't in their feeding zone. If there is one thing old chisel-tooth lacks, it is curiosity. That fish wouldn't budge an inch even to scoop in a hermit crab—which is the piece de resistance of all blackfish bait—if it was not inside its selected feeding range.

If you do your blackfishing aboard party boats, especially those that do much wreck fishing, you are most likely to see this peculiar temperament in action. I often sympathize with wreck fishing party boat skippers during blackfishing time. They know that if a wreck they intend fishing isn't fully large enough to accommodate all passengers from bow to stern, only a few fortunate fishermen will be getting the action—others must stand by in soul-searing frustration. Needless to say, this doesn't endear the skipper to his luckless passengers. In the fishing game, specializing in blackfishing can be a tough way to make a living.

I know that when I was a mate on wreck-fishing party boats during fall blackfishing time, there were days when, because of full capacity reasons, we could only fish the larger wrecks. That way everyone had an equal chance at the fish. But on those days when we had few passengers aboard we would fish wrecks whose small overall size prohibited fishing by more than a handful. And because these smaller wrecks felt less fishing pressure, our blackfishing was often excellent.

I emphasize the foregoing because I want to show just how difficult the pursuit of blackfish can be for all concerned. It takes a mighty good fisherman—be he party boat skipper or plain garden-variety sinker bouncer—to consistently find and catch blackfish in any appreciable amounts.

Were I to begin a blackfishing career today, I would certainly go aboard a party boat whose skipper is known to specialize in this fishing. And when I found one that suited me to a T, I would stick with it. You will learn more about blackfishing by doing this than if you spent months, perhaps years, on trial-and-error on your own. Even the most informative blackfishing article will not give you the knowledge received from several trips aboard one of these boats.

The best fishing scribe can only point out the basics of blackfishing. He can tutor as to what, in his opinion, is the best selection of tackle, bait and rigging. But successful blackfishing is an art, whose finesse can only be acquired by doing—and doing again, and again, if one wishes to excel. There is no other way. All your reading on the subject is merely a light along a dim path. It is the doing that brightens the scene.

But suppose you don't care for party boat fishing and want to get out on your own and take your chances? In this case, there are some important things to consider—and one of these is safety! You must have a suitable deep water craft and know something about navigation.

Now, that sounds sensible enough, wouldn't you say? But I recall one December day on the Cholera Bank when I came across two guys fishing in a 16 foot bay skiff! And on a winter ocean yet!

I'll tell you this: it took my breath away. Those two guys weren't brave. They were plain damn fools. What they would have done had that soft westerly hauled around to the east—I don't know.

You can bet I had those guys on my mind all day. No matter how many drops I made in search of cod and blackfish, my conscience just would not allow me to fish too far off. I'm sure my buddies and I lost out on some good fishing that day, for there were fish producing spots I wanted to try that were beyond binocular range of my two foolish fishermen.

At day's end I beat my way back and offered safe passage and a tow for the skiff, but my aid was refused. I'm certain I caused these fellows embarrassment with my concern for their welfare and refusal was their way of asserting independence. But they were two very, very foolish fishermen.

I'm sorry for the digression, but I wanted to relate how and what eager-beaver fishermen will go and do when

fishing is good. The open ocean is no place for foolish fishermen! Never, never take chances and never, ever trust the sea! It is unforgiving. That's the best advice anyone can give a budding offshore fisherman.

Okay. Enough of that.

If you're going it alone, it is up to you to find the fish. And for that you'll need an up-to-date chart of the area you plan to fish. Look for areas marked "rock." That's where you'll find blackfish. Unless you are equipped to do so and know how to go about it, fishing wrecks can be a nightmare. Better to anchor over rock-littered bottom. Here, your chances are always good.

Fall blackfish never refuse green crab, although the fish catching ability of fiddler crab (china-backs, not the common black mud fiddler) runs a close second. My experience has shown that the largest fall blackfish are caught on green crab. Forget skimmer, or any of the clam baits. Not because these baits won't work (my 14 lber. was caught on a slice of skimmer), but pesty bait stealing bergalls will make short work of it. And all rock areas have their share of bergalls.

Unless the green crab is small, it is best to remove the top shell and then cut each crab into two or more pieces, depending on size. Insert a #5 Virginia hook through one of the leg holes and make certain the hook point and barb is exposed. Green crab is hard and if you leave the business end of the hook inside the bait, it may not penetrate the tough jaws of a suspicious blackfish before it has the chance to spit it out.

China back fiddler, on the other hand, is used whole and if it is a male it is best to remove the large claw. You can leave the hook hidden if you wish. I think it best to do so, for the crab will stay alive longer. Compared to green crab, china backs are fragile and there is never any problem with hook penetration.

I believe it is best to use a medium weight conventional rod. Fill a matching reel with at least 150 yards of 20 pound test mono. Sinkers should be of the bank type and heavy enough to anchor the bait—possibly 5 to 8 ounces, depending upon current strength.

In rock-strewn areas it is usually possible to get by with two hooks tied tandem style. Should your fishing area prove exceptionally foul-prone, it is best to use but one hook tied in about two inches above the sinker—no hardware! Hooks must always be on bottom. And don't overlook carrying replacement hooks and sinkers. If you're not hung up from time to time, you aren't fishing in prime blackfish territory.

Always wait for a good, solid bite before attempting to sink the hook. The reason many blackfish are missed is because of this "jumping the gun" activity. Lip-hooked fish mean you are reacting too soon. Put a brake on your reflexes. Should you miss a fish, wait a half-minute or so, and then reel in. Adjust the bait if necessary, or put on a new piece. A frightened blackfish will not return to partially eaten bait.

I mentioned earlier that blackfish will show no interest in bait unless it is smack-dab in their feeding zone. To help me get the upper hand in this, I have enlisted the aid of two home-made buoys.

Working from a chart of the area I plan to fish, I make up two sash-weighted buoys of equal length, sufficient to reach and hold bottom in the area. I also allow an extra 10/15 feet or so for tidal action and sea conditions.

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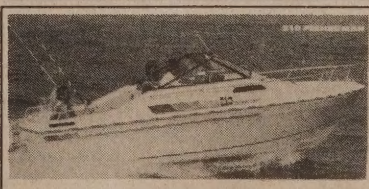

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NORTH FORK TAUTOG EXTRAVAGANZA

by Tom Schlichter

A big grin on his face, a happy Brooklyn angler held aloft a 9 lb. bulldog blackfish for all to see. From my perch along the port rail of the open boat "Peconic Star," I smiled back as he let out a hearty "Yeah!" and proclaimed the fish to be his largest ever.

Placing a pail of small green crabs at my feet, Captain Dave Brennan looked up and gave the lucky fisherman a much deserved nod of approval. To the skipper, the fish was certainly a nice catch, but he knew it probably wouldn't hold up as the pool winner for the day. And, sure enough, he was right. As the sun rose higher in the sky and the tide began to pick up steam, three larger fish—along with plenty of smaller specimens—were to be decked. Most of the fish taken were in the 4 to 5 lb. class with a good number of 6 to 7 lbers. mixed in. Largest blackfish of the day went a shade over 11 lbs. and was hard pressed to cop the pool. Runts and throwbacks were considered to be anything under 3 lbs. Most anglers managed 6 to 7 fish and some of the "sharpies" did considerably better.

To the regulars on board the 65 foot party boat that day, the catch was nothing out of the ordinary. In fact, they expected to do well for, you see, we had sailed that morning from Greenport to work the magical blackfish grounds that lie between Orient Point and Fisher's Island—where some of the largest blackfish in the world set up housekeeping each fall. Beginners and newcomers to the area, however, were awed by the consistency with which the big fish were taken. Several anglers on board that day were seasoned baymen who had, through the years, taken their share of south shore tog from jetties at Moriches and Shinnecock Inlets. To these fishermen, 5 lbers. were nice fish and 8 lbers. outstanding. To see so many come aboard in one stop was almost too much for these fellas to take. One of these fishermen told me on the trip back home that he wished he had never come out because now he could never be satisfied catching 2 to 3 lbs. at his regular blackfish hole.

From its base at Jamesport all the way to Orient Point and the islands beyond, the north fork of Long Island offers some of the finest blackfishing anywhere in the world. In fact, several current world records have been taken in this region including the women's 16 lb. line class record of 11 lbs. 9 oz., set in October of the 1984 season by Fisherman reporter, Lorry Mangan.

During the peak of the run, fish under 3 lbs. are considered throwbacks.

The action here first gets under way around the beginning of September as the fish begin to move into the 50 to 100 foot depths slightly offshore of Orient Point and Plum, Gull, Little Gull and Fisher's Islands. As autumn's brisk chill begins to steal the warmth from the inshore shallows, the blackfish, feeling more comfortable, make their way into the 30 to 20 foot depths and eventually right up to the beach. At this time, small boat fishermen and surf enthusiasts enjoy their finest hours, when almost every rock pile or mussel bed seems to hold fish. From Jamesport to Mattituck and out past Orient Point, most fishable days witness large catches of medium to bragging sized blacks. This shallow fishing reaches its apex about the second or third week of October, but as November brings on even cooler temperatures, the fish slowly mosey off the beach and back toward deeper water. The larger boats can follow the blacks for a few more weeks, often enjoying some of the best action with big fish right around Thanksgiving time in 80 to 120 feet of water. Eventually, however, winter's chill and water depths of 150 feet or more, make it impractical to continue the chase and the season fizzles out. Not for lack of fish, but for lack of fishermen.

In case you haven't picked up on it yet, let me tell you that this area is one of my favorite locations to fish on Long Island—and not solely because of the abundance of big fish. Anglers who are used to working south shore bays and inlets throughout the summer will find these uncrowded waters a pleasure to fish. There are no algae problems on this part of the Sound and, as long as the wind does not blow hard from the north, the waters are relatively clear and mild west of Horton's Point. In addition, the unspoiled beauty of the many cliffs and bluffs that border the beaches are unmatched along Long Island's shores and provide a great

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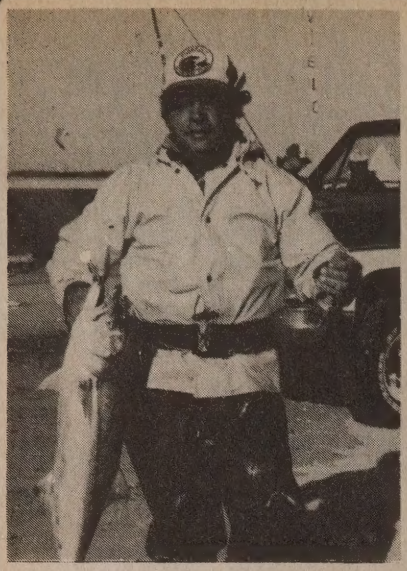

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backdrop to gaze upon between fish.

Those anglers who decide to take the plunge will find a fair number of options available for such a "remote" location. You can launch your own boat, charter a boat, hop aboard a party boat, rent a skiff, or even fish from the beach. Which option you exercise will depend upon the exact location you want to fish, what time of the season you head out, and how much money you wish to part with. If, for instance, it is early or late in the season and the fish are in deep water, a party or charter boat trip is the way to go. These boats can fish productive grounds offshore, usually seem to know where the fish are feeding, have warm cabins, and even provide bait and tackle. On the other hand, when fishing is hot in the shallows, you might want to work the beach, launch your own boat or even rent a skiff. It's all up to you, of course, but be sure to consider all the fishing conditions you will encounter before making any decision.

Now before I have everybody out there thinking that all one has to do to catch a pail full of blackfish is to drop a line anywhere from one end of the fork to the other, let's spend a few lines profiling our quarry so that you will have a better understanding of just what type of habitat he favors and why. This will make finding his residence a little easier—especially for newcomers to the game.

Known as **Tautoga onitis** to the scientific community and simply as "tog" to our New England fishing brethren, the blackfish is a member of the wrasse family which, with more than 450 species, is one of the largest families of fishes. Close relatives include the cunner and California redfish.

Primarily a bottom feeder, the black preys mostly on mollusks and crustaceans. It will also chow down on small baitfish (including bergalls) from time to time. In our region, its most abundant food source is probably the blue mussel with crabs a close second.

Young blackfish are usually brownish in color while older specimens are black or charcoal grey. Most also blend in some white blotching. The belly and chin sections are usually off-white or grey. They have a smallish mouth for their size, but this is ringed by a pair of the toughest lips you ever saw. As far as identification goes, there are no other fish in our waters that look close enough to the black to be confusing.

Because of its diet, the blackfish favors a "structured" bottom which is conducive to the growth of mussels and crabs. As such, they are found almost exclusively over rock bottom, wrecks, barnacle or mussel encrusted docks and jetties, and near bridge abutments. All but the last are found along the north fork.

If you choose to sail on a party or charter boat, finding the fish is of no concern. If, however, you head out on your own, you'll have to ask around at

local tackle shops to find where the fish have been feeding best. With that bit of information, you set sail and then try to find a location in the target area which meets the above qualifications.

If fishing from shore, getting directions to a productive jetty or dock should be easy enough. When working from a boat, however, you will have more area to cover even if you are looking for a specific location. "Fish off the white house. That's where all the blackfish are hitting," the man in the tackle shop might say. So you launch your boat and find that off the "white house" there is a square mile of water. How do you find the fish?

Well, the fish are in the 10 to 30 foot depths, the first thing to do is to look for the most obstructed water you can find. This isn't too difficult since many of the larger boulders in this area actually stick up above the water line at low tide. During high tide, the rips that set up behind each large boulder are a dead giveaway. Just anchor on the downtide side of these rocks and you should be in business. If the fish are in deeper water, you'll need to watch the chart recorder or else try a few rounds of hit or miss until you find the fish. Of course, if you see other boats in the area, tying up nearby (not right on top of another boat) should give you a good head start.

Another method of locating productive habitat, when the fish are in shallow water, is to look at a Suffolk County Atlas and see where points of land jut out into the Sound. Most of these points have a generous number of boulders lying in the water directly in front of them and these almost always hold a few fish. As a general rule, the further out the point juts, the better the fishing because the rocks will be found in deeper water.

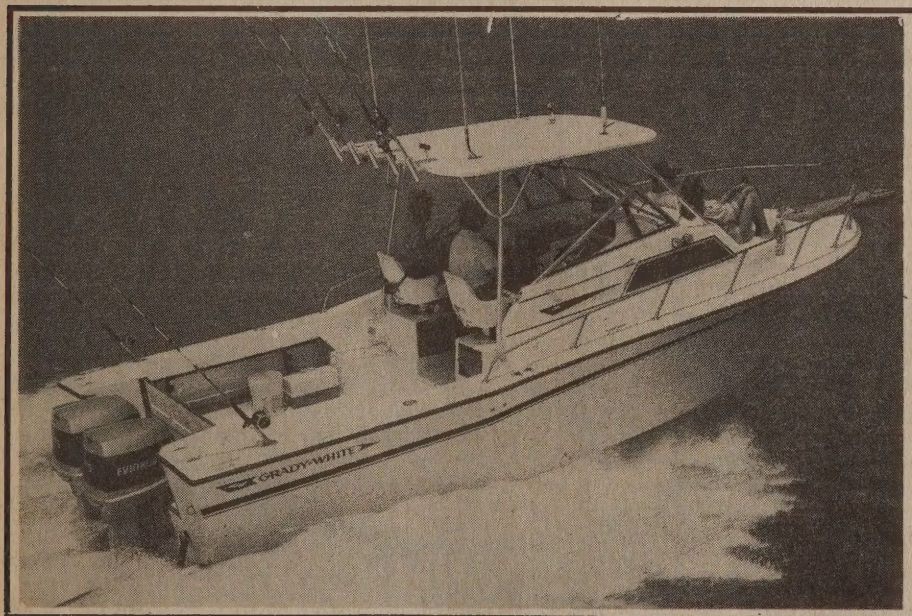
Blackfish are stubborn fighters and tackle choice reflects this trait. Selection of rod, reel and line for use in this area depends on several factors, the most critical of which are water depth, current strength and the size of the fish you expect to encounter. For inshore fishing west of the Horton's Point area, a conventional or spinning setup capable of handling lines in the 12 to 17 lb. class and sinker weights up to 4 or 5 oz. will suffice. Most of the fish toward the western end of the fork will range between 2 to 5 lbs. in weight with a few 6 to 8 lbers. scattered among the boats.

As you move further east, the size of the fish you are likely to encounter, water depth and tidal strength, all tend to increase. This necessitates the use of heavier tackle. For fishing off of Orient Point or any of the party boats that may head even further east to locations such as Mad Dog Reef or the deep water off of Fisher's Island, 30 lb. class outfits which can handle weights of 6 to 12 oz. are the best bet. No matter where you fish, choose a rod with enough backbone to keep the fish from hanging up on the bottom.

Standard single hook bottom rigs are used here, as elsewhere, with size #6 or #4 Virginia style hooks the popular choice in more western waters and size #2 or #4 the best choice as you move east. These can be baited with either clam, conch or, best of all, whole or halved green crabs.

Quite a bit is written every year about the methodology behind hooking and playing blackfish, so I won't belabor these points today. I will, however, suggest that you be sure to test your drag periodically throughout the day. If you think the 3 to 5 lbers. frequently taken along the south shore of the Island are battlers, just wait until the real bulldogs test your skills here. If that drag is a little too tight, you'll quickly have a snapped line. A little too loose and the fish will hang you on the bottom within 10 seconds.

Considering the cool late August and early September temperatures we've experienced this year, there is little doubt in my mind that by the time you read this article the north fork blackfish season will be in full swing. Don't hesitate to make plans or it will quickly pass you by. I've given you the basics needed to cash in on the action. The rest is up to you. Get out there while the fishing's hot or else you'll be spending another winter wishing that you had.



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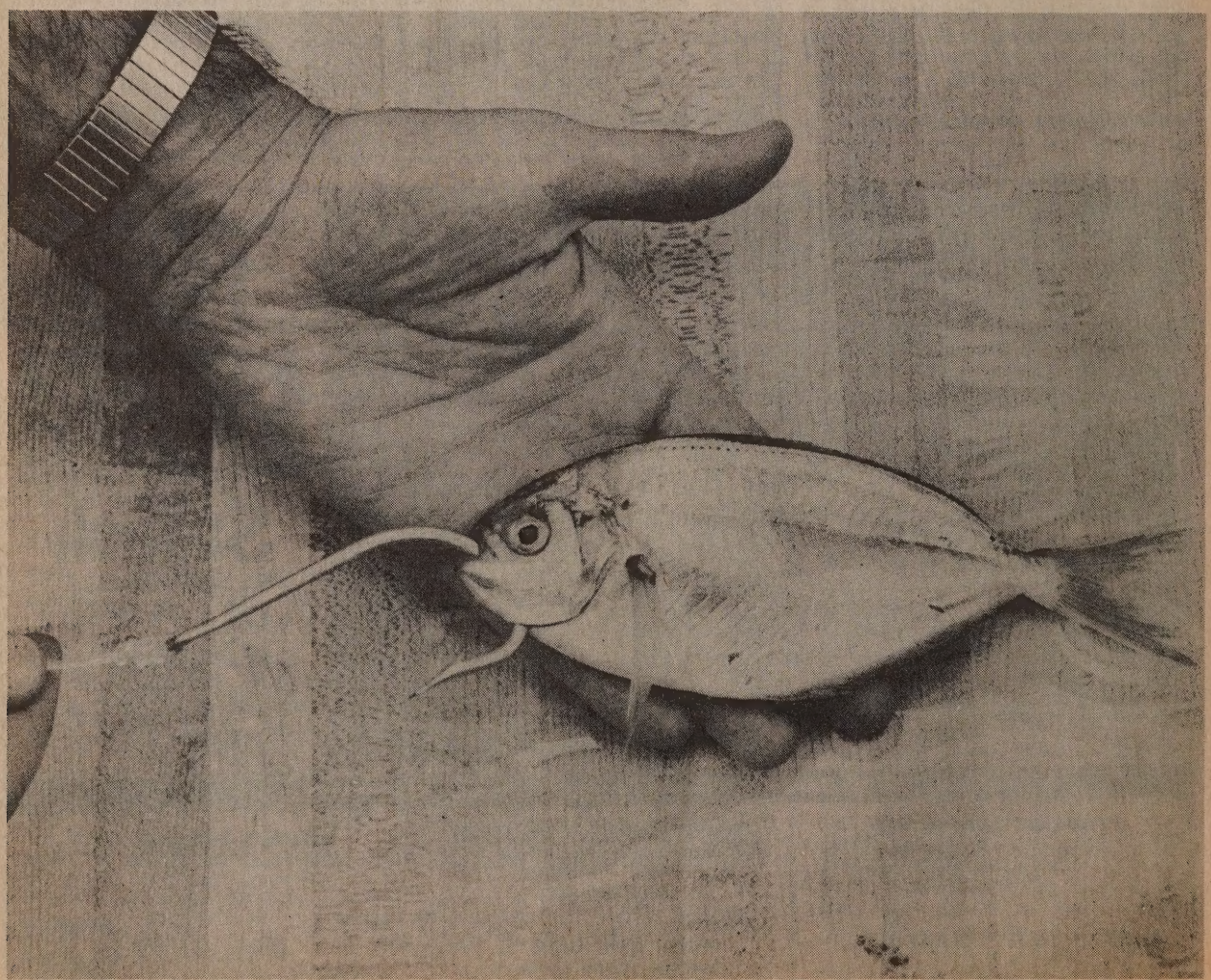
GIANT BLUEFINS AT MUD HOLE WEST

by Capt. Pete Mikoleski

The pulse of New York and New Jersey anglers quickens as giant bluefin tuna take up residence in the Mud Hole.

Many dedicated big game fishermen spend thousands of dollars and travel to some very exotic places just to catch giant bluefin tuna. Well, if the past couple of seasons are any indication, Metro New York and New Jersey anglers should count their lucky stars. Given the right conditions, anyone who has a serious fishing machine, the right tackle and know-how can get in on the action with what many consider to be the fastest and strongest fish in the sea: the giant bluefin tuna.

Giants are routinely taken off Montauk every summer. They usually arrive in mid to late June (depending on water temperature) and hang in there until the fall. Without a doubt they keep the Montauk charter fleet busy through most of the season. But for Metro New York and New Jersey anglers the action at the Mud Hole is limited to September, October and November, if it even materializes at all! What we have to hope for is that the tuna gods smile down on us this year and give us some good weather, clean, warm water and lots of bait to attract those giants. Last year, Hurricane Gloria put the kibosh on giant tuna fishing at the Mud Hole. Although a few giants were taken, most of the action took place near the Bacardi Wreck. Hopefully, this year we'll have the "right stuff" and we'll enjoy some more action like we had in



Butterfish bait with hook and mono leader inserted into the mouth and out the gill, prior to being hidden under the skin. See text for details.

the banner years of '83 and '84, when some giants were still sighted at the Mud Hole as late as December.

Before we get into the particulars on how to catch these giants, there's a few things you must be made aware of before you actually wet a line. These fish come under the jurisdiction of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and you must have a permit if you want to fish for them. The permit is free and easy to obtain. All you have to do is write them and request an application for a Bluefin Tuna Permit. Be advised that the vessel is licensed, not the angler. So if you have a permit and you want to fish for bluefin tuna on your friend's boat (and he doesn't have a permit), no dice! Once you have the proper documentation on board, you can begin to think about participating in the fishery. When you receive your permit you will also be informed that there is a limit on bluefin tuna and that the season is closed when the maximum sustained yield is accounted for. You will be notified in writing by the NMFS when the season will be closed. You'll find out that you're allowed 1 medium bluefin (110 to 310 lbs.) per man, per day, up to 4 per boat. So if you're fishing with 5 guys on your boat, you're allowed to keep 4 medium tuna. A giant tuna is considered to be any fish measuring more than 77 inches long which usually averages out to about 311 lbs. The limit on these fish is one per day per boat. So once you have your legal document on board and you are familiar with the rules, you can head for the Mud Hole for your first encounter with a giant tuna.

For those of you who are uninitiated the Mud Hole is formed by the most northwestern tip of the Hudson Canyon. The edge of the Mud Hole is just a couple of miles due south of the BA buoy. It's an easy run for boats hailing from Rockaway, Debbs (E. Rockaway) and Jones Inlets in New York or from Sandy Hook, and Shark River Inlet in New Jersey. The fish are usually found in the deeper structures of the Mud Hole, however, the exact locations are never kept secret for very long, because once the fleet is anchored over the fish it looks like a big parking lot out there. So just look for the fleet.

The majority of the fishing for giant tuna is done while chumming at anchor. Because you'll be working in water that's between 150 and 200 feet deep you'll probably need a minimum of 800 to 1000 feet of anchor line. You'll also need a quick release anchor buoy which is sold ready to go at most of the better local marine supply and tackle stores. This buoy is also rigged to make hauling in 800 feet of anchor line much easier. These buoys or anchor balls, as they are sometimes called, are essential because once you hook up with a giant tuna you have to "jump the ball" and fight your fish from a drifting boat. You actually let the fish tow the boat. So the first thing you do after you anchor up is to take a Loran fix on your anchor ball so you can return to that same spot later on and pick up your anchor. The ideal scenario is one in which you are hooked up to a fish, off your ball any other boats should give you the right of way and get off their anchor ball until you are free and clear of them. Good luck! More fish are probably cut off on anchor lines by stubborn skippers who refuse to move! This is part of the hazards of the game and one of the reasons it's so difficult to land a giant tuna. All I can say is for you to hope for the best.

A successful skipper tallies another giant.

Traditionally this fishing usually gets started after Labor Day and it's the early bird who definitely catches the worm while tuna fishing. If at all possible, it's best to be set up and chumming by first light as this is when one of the best times when "the bite" is most likely to occur. The late afternoon is another time the giants are likely to put the feed bag on. Chunking for giant tuna is no free lunch and definitely hard work. You have to chum with chunks of bunker and you'll probably need about 100 lbs. of that oily fish to last a whole day. That's if you're chunking properly, of course! It's very important to keep a slow steady stream of chunks flowing from your boat all day long. Rotate shifts between crew members, but make sure everyone works diligently at it. Throw a few chunks over the side and watch them disappear. When they fall from view throw out some more. Every once in awhile spice it up by throwing over a handful of chunks in the water. Tuna chumming is different from shark chumming in the respect that while chumming for shark you want to spread out a thin slick to attract and lead a shark up to your bait. When giant tuna chumming you are actually trying to feed these monsters a steady stream of little appetizers until they come upon your bait. Chunks of fresh mackerel also make a good tuna chum; expensive but good. It might be worthwhile to juice up your bunker chum line with a few mackerel chunks now and then.

Small baitfish like butterfish and herring are the most popular tuna baits, but whole or chunked bunker will also work at the Mud Hole. The most important thing to keep in mind

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while procuring bait for giant tuna is the fresher, the better! Fresh dead bait is best, while frozen bait comes in a distant second. Giant tuna have keen eyesight and a certain knack for detecting a bait that looks fishy. (Couldn't resist.) Hiding the hook and presenting the bait so it drifts naturally is always the key to success. The 10/0 VMC hooks are preferred because their round comb point penetrates well, yet does not work against you by tearing through the tuna's jaw. The best way to prepare a butterfish for tuna bait is to run the hook through the mouth and out one of the gill covers. Now with a small clam knife, carefully slide the blunt blade beneath the skin directly behind the gill. Try to do this without tearing the skin. What you're trying to do is make some room for the hook under the skin. Withdraw the clam knife, then carefully slide the hook under the skin until it is well hidden. It takes a little practice until you'll get the hang of it without mangling the bait. If your bait doesn't look just right these eagle-eyed fish will probably ignore your offering. You are going to need a 6 to 10 foot long piece of 300 lb. test mono leader between your hook and running line. Use a 10 foot leader on a yacht with a full crew and a 6 foot leader on a smaller boat that's working short-handed so you can get the fish closer to the boat.

A chain can only be as strong as its weakest link and in this case, your weakest link will be your knots. It's easier if you prepare your terminal tackle rigs at home beforehand so you can concentrate on doing them correctly. The simplest way to attach your hook to the mono leader is with a variation of the improved clinch knot. For want of a better name we'll simply call this knot the Tuna Knot. Start this knot like you would an improved clinch knot. Put your 300 lb. test mono through the eye of the hook and then take 4 wraps UP the standing part of your line. Then take 3 wraps DOWN, over the 4 you just made. Now insert the tag and as you would on improved clinch knot, moisten the knot and draw it down smooth and tight. To make sure your knots are drawn down securely, use a pair of gloves (so the mono won't cut you) and hook the hook on something solid so you can apply the correct amount of pressure to draw the knot down tight. Clip the tag end, but leave a small piece of line on the end of the knot to act like a little bait holder when it's inside the head of the baitfish. You can also use a double improved clinch knot to secure your hook or a Palomar knot which is a good easy knot to tie if you have to do it offshore while under heavy sea conditions. A heavy duty ball bearing swivel is secured to the other end of your leader, which is connected to your running line, this time with a heavy duty ball bearing snap swivel. When giant tuna become very line shy (such as in gin clear water) you might try tying your hook directly to your

mono line with the aforementioned knots. Be advised that there are other ways to rig up your terminal tackle for giant tuna utilizing a clevis and crimps, but it takes a certain amount of expertise to apply the correct amount of pressure to a crimp properly, before you damage the mono, which will do you more harm than good. For now, we'll leave these advanced rigging techniques for another article and concentrate on the simplest most effective techniques to get you on your way.

The ideal situation would be to battle these goliaths from a 40 foot Hatteras complete with a tournament grade fighting chair, international class tackle and a wet bar. Since I left my Hatteras behind my condo in the Bahamas (I can dream, can't I?), I, like most of you, will have to battle my tuna on scaled down tackle. If you have some type of permanently installed fighting chair that can handle 80 lb. class gear, an 80 lb. class rod with a 9/0 reel filled with 130 lb. line is the way to go. Or if you are the adventurous type, buckle yourself into a good kidney harness and gimbal belt and take on a giant armed with a Sabre Stroker Tuna Stick and a 9 or 10/0 reel filled with 80 lb. line. It has been done, but you'd better have had your Wheaties for breakfast. If you own a center console you should consider mounting a small chair or otherwise fighting your tuna off the bow. He'll actually tow you around and take you for what is known as a "Montauk Sleigh Ride."

Mono or dacron line? Mono is usually preferred by beginners because of its lower initial cost and because it is more forgiving. Dacron is preferred by more experienced tuna fishermen because it stretches less, but remember, it doesn't allow you to make many mistakes while fighting your fish. The choice is yours!

Set up two outfits with styrofoam floats much like you would when shark fishing. Set one about 25 feet beneath the surface and the other much further down, something like 75 feet. Keep them closer to the boat, the shallow one about 25 feet away and the deeper one about 75 feet away. There might be some pretty frustrating moments when you'll actually see giants darting in and out under your boat gobbling up every chunk in sight, except the bait with your hook in it. In this case, you'll have to alter your strategy if you want to trick these smart fish. On days like this, you'll have to try to keep your bait drifting with your chunks if you want to hook up. When the fish are playing hard to get you have to keep your bait in the chunks or you might as well be chumming with dollar bills. The way to do this is to throw over a handful of chunks with your bait and handline the line from your reel so it falls at the same rate of speed as your chunks. It's usually helpful to pull some line off your reel and coil it in a bucket of water on deck so it won't tangle underfoot.

If you succeed in bringing a giant to boatside, always try to go for a head shot with the gaff. Otherwise, you'll ruin some very valuable meat. Since giant tuna fishing can be expensive most anglers will try to recoup their expenses by selling their catch. To keep your fish in good condition, be very careful not to bruise the flesh and bleed it immediately. This is done by inserting a long knife behind the socket of the pectoral fin. Pull the fin straight up, measure the distance equal to width of four fingers behind the peck fin and insert your knife, making a straight cut at the lateral line. This severs the main artery. Cut the membrane behind the gill covers and sever the gills from the rest of the throat. Make a small incision at the anal hole and pull out the intestinal tract. If you can manage it, it would be a good idea to tow your fish backwards for awhile, while its circulatory system is still pumping. This helps to get a lot of blood out of the fish quickly.

One last thought: If you do decide to do battle with giant tuna, you better resign yourself to shelling out some cash on quality equipment. From rods to reel, line and ball bearing snap swivels, don't skimp. Go with name brand stuff. Because if there is anything in the ocean that can test you and your equipment, it's a giant bluefin tuna!

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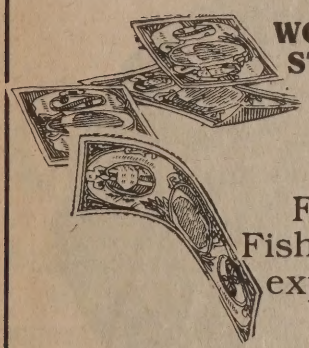

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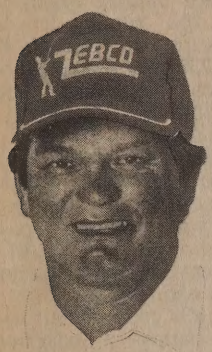

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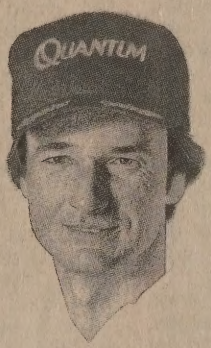

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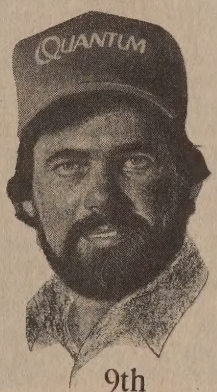

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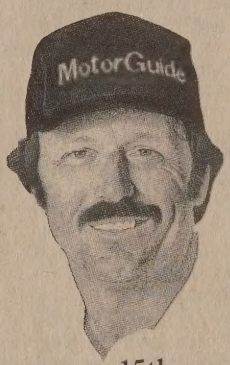

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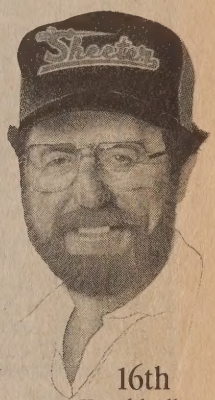

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ATLANTIC WRECK SERIES:

THE U-853

by John Raguso

Last week, we read about the plight of the collier Black Point, torpedoed by the U-853 as she was steaming northeast along the Rhode Island shoreline with a cargo of coal bound for Boston. The defenseless ship didn't have a chance against the sophisticated weaponry and tactics of the German undersea raider, and the Black Point was sunk only a few hours before the final peace treaty was to be signed by the remnants of the German high command. Would the Germans slip away under the American destroyer escorts of the hunter/killer group hastily assembled to track down the grey wolf, make her pay for her sins?

Last week we left off with the U.S. Navy destroyer escorts Amick and Atherton being led by the Coast Guard frigate Moberly in their response to the attack on the Black Point. The Navy gun boats arrived on the scene at approximately 1930 hours (7:30PM) and they had set up the initial battle drill to flush out the Nazi U-Boat. As darkness settled on the Rhode Island shoreline, they took station about 3,000 yards apart on a line abreast of each other and began their methodical search with sonar equipment to pinpoint the sub's whereabouts as she tried to slip through their net.

Let's pick up from Commander L. Tollaksen's eyewitness report of the event published in the Naval Institute Proceedings to ascertain if the U-Boat got her just desserts:

"Shortly before the three ships were in position to begin their sweep, at 2014, Atherton picked up a sonar contact right along the track laid out by the OTG (Officer Task Group) as the most likely escape route for U-853. The returning echo was unusual and unfamiliar, but Atherton became more and more confident that this contact was the submarine on or near the bottom. In order to prevent interference to Atherton, the two other ships ceased pinging and listened to Atherton's echo ranging, while the sonar operators of the three ships discussed the characteristics of the signal over the TBS voice radio. When all the operators were satisfied that they could recognize this unfamiliar type of echo, Atherton began attacking. The submarine's screws were heard by the sonar operator. It was also determined that contact was moving slowly along a course of 090 degrees true and the returning echo revealed a slight down doppler.

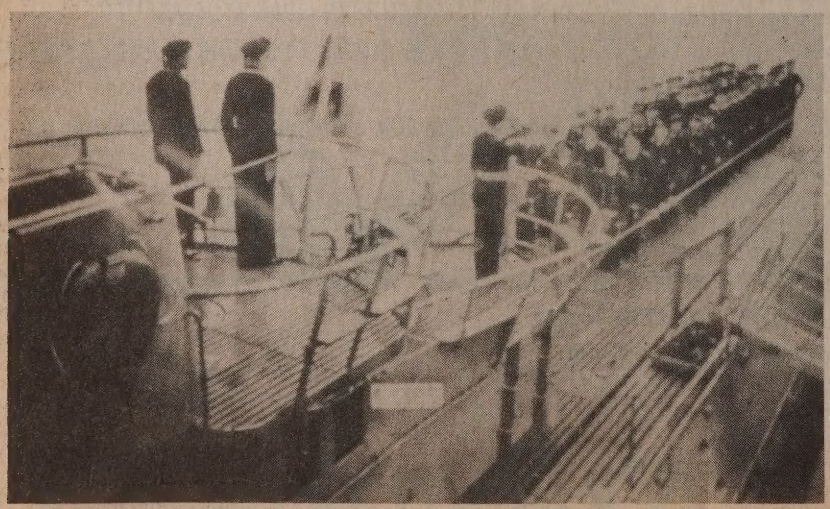
"At approximately 2029, Atherton dropped 13 magnetic depth charges, one of which exploded but it could not be determined at the time whether the explosion was a result of attacking the submarine, or a wreck which possibly was in the area. It was at this point that Amick received word to leave the scene and join Booth, another destroyer escort from Task Group 60.7, which had been detailed earlier to escort a merchantman from New York City to Boston via Cape Cod. This left Atherton and Moberly alone, with Ericsson not due to arrive for nearly an hour. Atherton made a second run with hedgehogs this time which resulted in a large explosion two or three seconds after the last of the hedgehogs was fired and about 100 feet to starboard of the pattern.

"When contact had not been regained by 2200, Moberly suggested that Atherton search an area several miles of the north of her last contact while Moberly would search an area the same distance to the south. Atherton headed north and soon picked up a radar contact which she felt could be the snorkel of the German submarine. Arriving in the vicinity about 2235, she turned on her searchlights and discovered that instead of a submarine, it was only a small unlighted buoy.

"Atherton resumed her search and on her final leg, picked up a sonar contact presumed to be the submarine, which was estimated to be lying dead in the water at a depth of some hundred feet with her propellers silent. This was about 4,000 yards to the east of the first group of attacks. Atherton fired a pattern of hedgehogs at 2343 and soon after this attack, bubbles of air, oil and pieces of broken wood rose to the surface indicating the submarine might have been hit. Atherton picked up the contact again after this attack and held it for about 20 minutes while circling the area. There was no noticeable movement of the submarine, no doppler or noise from her screws. Task Force Commander 60.7 ordered Atherton to cross over the spot with her fathometer in order to determine the exact position of the submarine. This was done at 0020 and it was decided the submarine had not moved. Officer of the Task Group ordered Atherton to make another attack in an attempt to split the submarine's pressure hull. She did so shortly thereafter, increasing her attack speed to 15 knots and dropping a pattern of depth charges which were set to explode at 75 feet. This shallow setting was use, for it was feared that if set for 100 feet, the charges might come to rest on the bottom before exploding. The water in this area was 104 to 128 feet in depth. After the attack, it was noticed that air bubbles and oil were still welling to the surface.

"Turning on their searchlights, they discovered that the water was covered with oil, bits of wood or cork, dead fish, and other miscellaneous debris. At this time, Atherton recovered a pillow, a life jacket, and a small wooden flagstaff.

"As Atherton was still in contact with the submarine, which had not moved since the midnight attacks, she



The U-853 Commissioning Day ceremony in June, 1943. Photo courtesy of Atlantic Wreck Divers and Henry Goldfinger.

made the first run when the order was given by the Task Force Commander to resume depth charging. This attack was identical to the last one, except that this time she was not able to clear the area of the exploding depth charges without damage. She was shaken up and her dead reckoning tracer was knocked out. Moberly then picked up the contact and moved into the area while Atherton made necessary repairs which were not completed for nearly an hour. Moberly expected to find the submarine in the same place where Atherton had been attacking. However, as she closed the submarine, she estimated that it was moving across her course at a speed of four to five knots. This unexpected movement threw off Moberly's solution of the attack, but she went ahead and fired her depth charges anyway. In order to reduce the probability of damage such as Atherton had just received from the shallow-exploding depth charges, Moberly further increased her attack speed over set doctrine to 18 knots. Even with this increase, she was damaged temporarily and had to stand off to make repairs. Atherton was still having trouble with her sonar gear and so, while Moberly labored to regain her steering control, the attacks were discontinued. Moberly's repairs were completed about 0200, and she began a deliberate hedgehog attack on the submarine. A slight up doppler was noted, and the target judged to be moving about two to three knots. This run was made using only hedgehogs in order to avoid the damage mentioned above. However, a casualty nullified the attack because the firing panel came off at the last moment, strong evidence of the pounding being experienced in the shallow water. The contact which had just been evaluated at 75 feet seemed to "bottom" at the end of this run. Doppler indications disappeared and contact was lost in the reflections from the bottom and was not regained immediately.

"No further attacks were made until about 0530 that morning. It was felt that the submarine was badly damaged as she appeared to be bleeding oil and air bubbles heavily. Atherton circled the area every 20 to 30 minutes in order to keep track of the position of the contact and to hunt for more wreckage that might have come to the surface during the recent attacked. At 0241 she reported that there were pools of oil coming from the submarine which were spaced about 30 feet apart. Moberly reported that an oil slick and much debris extended half a mile from the position of the last attacks. With the coming of daylight, two ZNP type blimps, K-16 and K-58 from Lakehurst, New Jersey, arrived on the scene between 0540 and 0605 and reported to the OTG. They were directed to assist in identifying the oil slicks in the area, to photograph the area and to mark the position of the submarine with smoke and dye markers. In carrying out these orders, K-16 searched the area of the oil slick and soon came up with a strong contact with her MAD gear. She marked this position on several successive swèeps and reported that the target was stationary.

"One of the blimps dropped a sonobuoy on an oil bubble which was still coming to the surface. The sonar operators in both blimps heard a sound which they described as a 'rhythmic hammering on a metal surace, which was interuppted periodically'. About ten minutes later they hard a 'long, shrill shriek and then the hammering noise was lost in the engine noise of the attacking surface ships'. The blimps were very helpful in marking the exact position of the submarine and in conning the surface vessels over this position. They photographed the area, pointed out debris to the searching whaleboats and made attacks on the submarine with their 7.2" rocket bombs. At 1045 CTG 60.7 declared that the 'submarine was sunk and on the bottom'. Both blimps left the area at this time following orders from their base.

"Later that afternoon, a diver from Penguin (ASR-12) followed a buoy line down to the battered U-Boat and landed on the conning tower. He identified the submarine as U-853 and reported that there were bodies strewn about inside. The side was split and the hull damaged from the hedgehogs and depth charges."

There is still a great deal of mystery that surrounds the U-853, 41 years after her sinking. There are different theories as to what her "real" mission was, ranging fom Hitler's private escape craft to a transport carrying millions of dollars worth of mercury, cash, gold and travelers checks. Indeed, over the years, many salvage attempts have been conducted on the sub, and always under a shroud of silence as to what was being sought.

For many years after her sinking, the U-853 did not hold an abundance of sea life like other wrecks in the area. Rumors that the ghosts of the 48 officers and crew were haunting the immediate surroundings, were popular among the locals when relating the tale to summer tourists. A more scientific explanation would attribute the absence of marine life on the wreck to the mercury-based bottom and hull paint that the Germans used on their subs and ships. That's some incredible bottom paint formula! Now that the paint is wearing a bit thin, the chain of life is taking effect on the U-853. Sea grass and crustaceans have attached themselves to the hulk of the sub, and in turn, this attracts groundfish like blackfish, sea bass, bergalls, hake and others. I have seen diver's photos of the U-853 and have spotted both blackfish and sea bass in these shots, so why not give it a try if you're in the neighborhood?

Next week, we're going to steam a little south of Block Island to investigate the 1932 collision and sinking of the S.S. Grecian.

THE U-853
Vital Statistics

Date Sunk: May 6, 1945
Year Built: 1943 by Deschimag, AG, Bremen, Germany
Length: 252 feet
Beam: 22.7 feet
Displacement: 1,120 gross tons
Type of Vessel: IX-C
Armament: 2xtwin 20MM anti-aircraft, 1x37MM anti-aircraft, 1x105MM deck gun, 6 torpedo tubes.
Hull Construction: Steel
Hull Condition: Intact, upright on keel.
Hull Attitude: Bow faces southeast, stern faces northwest.
Depth of Water: 127 feet
Depth Over Wreck: 105 to 115 feet
Lat/Lon Position: 41-13.31 N/71-24.85 W
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Point Judith (Horn 325)	8.7	174°	354°
Watch Hill Point	20.8	117°	297°
Block Island ('IBI' bell)	7.7	119°	299°
Montauk Pt. to 'IBI' bell	16.8	063°	243°

AUTUMN IN NANTUCKET

by Ed Nowak

Nantucket Island is the surfcasting capitol of the East Coast. This autumn it promises to become a surfcasters paradise. Bluefish and striped bass are more abundant than previous years. Great numbers worked the Island's shores this spring and summer, a great many more swam north feeding on vast schools of sand eels and pogies. Cape Cod Bay, Mass. Bay, way down to Casco Bay in Maine, large fish have been taken this summer. As sure as God made little green apples, they will return to Nantucket Island this fall; heavier, stronger, in greater concentrations. How can I be so certain? Do I hear a Thomas doubting?

Think of Nantucket Island as the Indians did: a far away place. Surrounded at sea by shoals, rips and currents, its waters filled with food, are a cafeteria for fish and whale. The Island benefits from the warmth and nutrients of the Gulf Stream. Migrating fish are drawn to its shores from crocus blooming to chrysanthemum time. This season began earlier than most with big schools of bluefish feeding on massive concentrations of squid inshore. This Fishin' Pole was on the Island along wtih many other fishermen and their families during the Island's busiest holiday, Memorial Day weekend. Great Point was the hotspot.

Great Point at the northernmost part of the Island, has more consistently productive surf fishing than any other beach on Nantucket. A great rip makes up on both the east and west tides, attracting fish from the open ocean on the east or from the shoals of Cape Cod to westward. A four wheel drive vehicle and an oversand permit (about $30) is required to travel the five miles of sand and beach to the tip where newly constructed Great Point Light stands vigil. Its predecessor was destroyed by a wild nor'easter a couple of years ago. Great Point is haunted with as many stories and legends as it has fish tales. Alone on a dark foggy morn when ghostly mists drift from the breaking surf and swirl around silent sand dunes, a gull's scream becomes the cry of a lost soul and stones in the wash make sounds like rolling bones. Happily, when fish are in, one isn't alone at Great Point very long.

First seen are the refractive beams of headlights bouncing like lasers off the fog banks above and the sands below. Out of the shrouded distance, 4-wheel buggies begin to take shape. They creep, wiggle, and crawl through ruts, Jeep high, their 12 foot surf rods wave like animated antennae picking their way through the fog. Fog and mists are vacuumed away by sun and wind and excited, happy voices make familiar sounds. This spring all were battling blues from 5 to 15 lbs.

September and October are two lovely New England months. On Nantucket Island they're special. Indian Summer weather, cool nights, comfortable days, throngs of tourists gone, food and lodgings are less expensive, Islander's are relaxed and fishin' is easy. For fishermen, spring is a good time to visit Nantucket for a few days; autumn is the time to stay and fish for days. Here are some suggestions to help you.

Make reservations as early as possible, especially with the Steamship Authority's Ferry Service if you plan to bring your 4-wheel drive with you. Passengers are no problem, there usually is room; but the ferry carries truck loads of food, bricks, lumber, mail and goods for daily living, as well as vehicles to and from the Island. In spring, everyone who lives on-Island during the summer months is bringing his car and in autumn, there is a mass exodus of vehicles off the Island. When you book passage, be sure you confirm both **on** and **off** dates. A check or credit card will hold your reservation.

If plans change, cancel reservation 48 hours before sailing time and a full refund is given. Less than 48 hours notice will cost you 50 percent penalty. There is no penalty for changing reservations 48 hours before reserved time for same day, day before, or day after. If you miss the boat, your tickets are good for standby passage within 48 hours before or following reserved time. The 1986 Summer and Fall Schedule, effective until October 30th from Hyannis to Nantucket, shows departures at 9:30 AM, 3:30 PM and 9:30 PM. A 1:45PM boat operates until September 10th only. Departures from Nantucket to Hyannis are: 6:30AM, 12:30PM and 6:30PM, with a 10:55AM boat which ceases operation on September 10th.

Fares for adult passengers, one way, are $8.50; children 5 to 15, one way, $4.25. Regular sized 4-wheel drives travel same rate as autos, though a top load or bikes attached fore and aft are subject to an extra

This young Yankee fan holds but one of the many reasons Nantucket draws people from all over for a fall vacation.

charge. Until October 14th, one way rate is $66.50 for autos. Pick-up trucks and vans may exceed auto rates. Passengers and drivers are not included in vehicle fare. There are special rates for groups of 15 or more such as clubs, schools, church organizations. Call the Steamship Authority for low cost information, (617) 540-2022. The office is open from 8AM to 8PM. Be patient; the lines are often busy. Yes, you can rent vehicles over on the Island, but be prepared to pay from $85 to $100 per day. Sleeping in van or recreational vehicle is not allowed.

Lodging is available in rooming houses, hotels, or cottages. Rates vary according to season, location and accommodations. We often stay at the Holgate Cottages on Washington Street because they are only a few minutes from town, are clean, comfortable and fairly priced. Allen and Alma Holgate's places have heat, often needed on cold damp spring or autumn nights. They know the needs of hunters and fishermen. Their phone is (617) 228-2475. The Christman Cottages, (617) 228-1290, nearby have no heat, but are also clean, having cooking facilities, comfortable beds and plenty of hot water.

Cottage rates do vary, but off season you can expect to pay about $400 per week, more or less. Usually there are beds for six or more, so divided costs are not bad. The Tuckernuck Inn is just on the outskirts of town, was just refurbished, has nice rooms and we have found Ken and Phyllis Parker, owners, very accommodating people. A room here with queen size bed, private bath and continental breakfast from September 15th to October 15th (excluding Columbus Day) costs $65 per night for two people. Tuckernuck Inn is open all year-round and a nice place to stay. Their phone number is (617) 228-4886.

Though a car provides the best transportation and a 4-wheel drive is necessary for beach travel, you can get around, even to good fishing places, without one. There are many bike shops on Island that rent mopeds or pedal bikes. Nantucket is approximately 13 miles long and 7 miles wide, with great bike paths alongside major roads. Like modern Don Quixotes, we often see cyclists, surf rods extended, pedaling to beaches in quest of fish. Many dirt roads branch off paved roadways towards Island beaches. They are drivable, with care, by regular vehicles, though after rains their huge pot holes become unholy water holes. These roads usually end a few hundred walking yards from fishable water. I have seen many vehicles parked just off the sand at Surfside, Madequecham Valley, Pebble Beach, near the old Navy Station, Siasconset, at the playground, and Cisco, off Pond Road. Stripers and blues are caught under Brant Point Light within walking distance from town and the public beach jetties nearby often have bluefish blitzes.

A bluefish that nailed a Ballistic Missle plug. For a rundown of good lures to take along, see the article.

An information filled map of Nantucket Island, with tide chart, is provided free by Harbor Fuel Company and is available at both of the Island's tackle shops: Barry Thurston's, in town at the wharf next to the A&P parking lot, or Fisher's Tackle. Fisher's is just out of town on New Lane going toward Madaket. Both shops rent fishing gear, repair broken reels and provide current fishing information.

There are some fishing tackle items that should definitely be brought in spring and autumn, such as dry waders, repair kit and warm socks. A good set of heavy duty foul weather gear and a woolen watch cap is a must. A long brimmed lobsterman's hat and sunglasses will prevent eye strain or sunburned corneas and, with skin cancer so common these days, I suggest carrying Overcast skin cover. Don't forget to pack a flashlight and sharp fillet knife along with your longest hi-surf stick and the best surf reel you can afford. These are going to be big fish, often far out in the rip at the end of your cast, to land a slammer, splashing 100 feet in the surging rip, requires a smooth drag and fresh line. Extra spools are good investments. Load one with either 15 or 17 pound test mono; the other with 20 pound test. Lures will weigh from 2 to 4 ounces, the heavier line saves costly break-offs. However, a real long cast is needed sometimes to reach fish, so lighter weight line adds yards to a cast.

Speaking of lures, there are some that only work sometimes; they're fun to play with after your fish box is loaded. You are comfortable and confident using some lures because you have been successful with them sometimes—bring them. Suggested here are lures which consistently catch fish in Nantucket Island surf, so by all means carry them with you. They are: Hopkins in 3½ BW, 4 BW,

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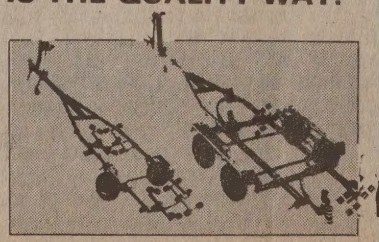

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Fish swim from one beach to another. With so many excellent beaches on Nantucket, choosing one with fish may seem a matter of luck. Often a hotspot one day becomes cold the next. Once I believed catching fish here was a matter of pure luck and patience—neither of which this Fishin' Pole is blessed with. As I learned where the most productive beaches were, I began to catch a few fish, along with most others fishing there. One thing I noticed were the same lucky anglers always appeared on those beaches about the same time the fish did. It took a few more years and the friendship of a couple of those lucky old surfmen, whose spirits now often share the Island beaches with me, to learn the correlation between a lucky fisherman and fishing with luck. A lucky fisherman is one who, fishing for the first time, on his first cast, lands a 50 lb. bass or 25 lb. bluefish. To fish with luck, is to consistently cast to fish. Those old surfmen taught me a surf fishing axiom that changed my luck. I share it with you: To catch fish, cast your lures into the wind.

Whenever possible a true surfman will choose a beach facing to windward because experience has taught him bait fish are most likely to be there feeding on plankton, driven shorewards by wind and wave. Predators are where the bait fish are. This axiom works as well in fresh water. By applying the rule to the Nantucket Island map, a newly arrived surf fisherman concentrates his efforts on potentially productive beaches. he knows on an easterly or nor'easterly wind Great Point is the place to be and when the prevailing southwest breezes blow, Smith's Point (now connected to Nantucket

again) is likely to have the best fishing. Studying the map's tide chart will further refine choice of beach. There are two different tides on each end of the Island which affect fish movement: two hours before and after the turn are usually productive.

Once on the beach, experienced surf fishermen will look for signs to spot fish. Talking about signs reminds me of the tourist anglers who asked me where to catch bluefish. I suggested a couple of easy beaches and told them to look for fish signs. We met several days later and I asked how they were doing. They were doing fine, they had met some other people fishing on one of the beaches and they had caught some bluefish, but some mischievous 'buzzard' must have pulled up all the fish "signs" because they hadn't seen any!

Most obvious indications are birds working, clusters of vehicles with casters working the surf and fish on the beach. Sometimes you are alone, the first to arrive. First light lifts the curtain of darkness. The long stretch of beach covers her mottled silver satin night gown with dawn's pink cloak. Flocks of disturbed sea gulls shriek their displeasure and flap off to hunt early breakfast. Fresh fish carcasses mark last night's activity. In the brightening light, that deep shadow curving off the beach becomes a turbulent rip flowing towards a flattened smooth area within casting range before you. The flat spot indicates a hole or depression behind a sand shoal or bump on bottom. Fast moving tide will draw bait into the rip where it will tumble, toss, become confused and disoriented. Powerful tide running predators will feast on them. Checking the beach through your binoculars, you can see other rips and holes forming, but the one in front of you looks and feels right.

Minutes of casting bring no action. Fangs of doubt shred confidence, those places below begin to look better; they tempt a move. Because no active signs, birds working, breaking bait show, experience overrules temptation. Doubt, however, is never subdued. When another vehicle stops at one of those other holes and a spread of surfcasters fans out along the beach, doubt becomes apprehension. This is the time for a cup of tea and reflection, time to watch the sun rise and let the tide build. Suddenly, patience is rewarded when everything comes together in front of you. You have bought the best seat!

Terns and sea gulls wheel on an axis of fish. A dash into the surf—its pounding waves play the overture. The sun shines, the fish are here, the surfcaster's spirit soars! Braced to the undertow tugging at his boots, his rod, a glancing light beam, arcs a lure out over churning rip where it plummets with the birds into breaking fish. Savage strike, powerful run of heavy fish—the intoxication of exhileration! This is the stuff surfcasters live for. It is the promise of Nantucket in autumn.

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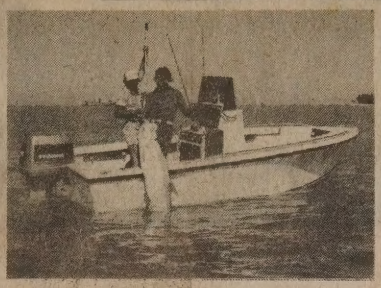

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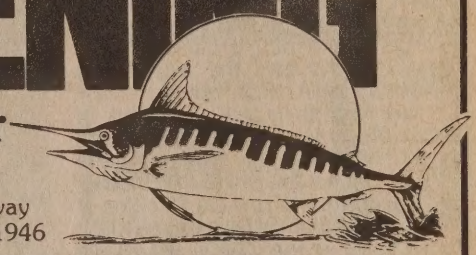

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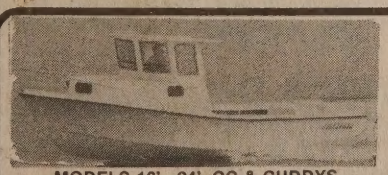

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HARD KNOCKS IN BOATING LESSONS

by Art Michaels

You don't need a license to operate a boat in most states. There's no "driver's test," through which you demonstrate your knowledge of the rules of the road, nor is there any measure by which a test can rate operator competency, like an automobile driver's license exam. All you need to do is put your money down on the dealer's desk, drive off with your new rig, and launch.

Unfortunately, that's what most new boat owning anglers do. But there's an ocean of buoys, markers and other aids to navigation that novice boaters need to learn to recognize and there are fishing lessons and other operator skills that a boater needs to master before he regularly pilots his craft safely to good fishing.

Here's a look at some of those lessons, a few of which were learned at the school of hard knocks by boating anglers who these days know a lot better. Maybe you won't have to go through what they endured.

Luckily, one lesson I learned about recognizing buoys cost me only inconvenience and wasted time in getting to the fishing grounds. Thinking back, though, the experience could have been much worse.

I was fishing in late April out of Oyster, Virginia, some 12 miles north of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel (CBBT). I and the fellas in another boat were going to run the 12 miles of the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) from Oyster to the CBBT, where we hoped to intercept thick herds of hungry slammer blues as they chased baitfish into Chesapeake Bay. This season rite makes the area of the CBBT in spring a hotspot.

The ICW is clearly marked, even though the daymarks are a bit far apart. The 12 mile run there is clearly delineated for good reason: the area surrounding the channel consists largely of barrier islands and tidal flats that are well-dried at low tide. At high tide, the flats are camouflaged by only inches of water in many spots, a foot or so in other places.

At the first buoy from the launch ramp, we took a wrong turn, and the other boat, larger and heavier than mine and running with twin 65 hp blasters, ran aground. Lucky for us that those shallow spots are mostly soft mud and not oyster shells!

I towed the other boat off the mud, but it was miserable going in the shallow water, ebbing tide and increasingly strong head seas. This simple quarter-mile mistake took over an hour to correct. We were lucky that time was all we lost, plus suffering a little embarrassment.

Aids to navigation are road signs for boaters. How well you identify them and heed their messages determines to a large degree how safely you pilot your boat.

Preventing this mishap was easy. Reviewing the NOAA chart before launching would have helped, so that we'd have had a clearer idea of where the channel is. Brushing up on what the ICW markings look like would have been prudent, too.

I was thrown by the red daymarks on my right heading south. I wondered why the rule, "red, right, returning," did not seem to apply, and if it did, perhaps we were going the wrong way. It seemed to me at the time that the red markers would be on the left and the green on the right as we headed south, which would allow the "red, right, returning" rule to apply on the trip back to Oyster.

I later remembered that the daymarks all the way from Oyster to the CBBT were correct. If I had reviewed the markers before the trip, I would have known right off the bat that the ICW is marked with red on the right and green on the left heading south to Florida and then on to Texas.

All this goes to show how important

it is to be able to identify aids to navigation readily and to know what they mean and how to heed their directions and warnings.

For this reason, accompanying all the charts of my favorite fishing areas is the book "Nautical Chart Symbols and Abbreviations," which you can get when you buy your NOAA charts. This 54-page book is a thorough explanation of all the symbols and abbreviations that appear on navigation charts of the East Coast. Authorized dealers have it, or you can get it by contacting: Distribution Branch (N/CG33), National Ocean Service, Riverdale, MD 20737. Ask for Nautical Chart Catalog 1 and ordering information with prices. I need the book much less than I used to, but it's still a constant companion to my charts.

The way I got the ICW marker misunderstanding straightened out was to call the Coast Guard and ask for clarification. This decision was wise, and whenever you see a buoy, daymark, or other aid to navigation that looks out of place, broken, or loose, notify the Coast Guard of its location, number and other identifying characteristics. This good deed could prevent an accident.

Furthermore, when you trailer your boat to a new spot, in addition to getting the fishing details from the local tackle shops, talk to an experienced boater there, too (usually at the tackle shop). He can give you the lowdown on special navigation details and on any dangers in the area—considerations that the regulars take for granted but that newcomers like you may not know about.

Another navigation lesson I learned came from an angling friend who told me of his misfortune. These days, we all have some kind of depth sounder and we all rely heavily on them. But the lesson my partner learned is never to rely completely on a depth sounder with a transom mounted transducer as a navigation device.

Quite simply, your boat bow could be aground solidly while your transom mounted transducer tells you reliably that you're still in five feet of water! And that says nothing of your speed when you went aground.

Your depth sounder is a vital fishing tool, and in many situations it can help you navigate. But don't depend on it as the main source. I use mine to confirm my position in places and over some fishing spots; for instance, after I've gotten there using other means.

Your charts, compass, Loran and operating skills for maneuvering are your main navigation tools, along with the acquired skills of recognizing skinny or dangerous water.

Another lesson I learned awhile ago grew from a scare I once endured on the bounding main. My trip began in bright early morning summer sunlight, and we planned to return to the dock long before sundown. Engine trouble threatened to alter those plans.

Because it never occurred to me that I'd need lights, I left them in the car trunk. I eked out every possible piece of equipment for the sake of storage. Most small boat operators are pre-occupied with stowing gear and taking only what's necessary, but on this trip, my novice bad judgment prevailed.

While I was trying to get the engine running again, the weather grew increasingly bad. I did get that blaster started, and we did make it back to the dock barely during daylight hours, but here's a lesson to heed: take your boat lights with you on every trip. Period. If the weather turns bad or if your plans change and you are out long after the sun goes down or in darkness, you have to have lights.

Actually, I don't set up the lights on my boat during daylight fishing trips. It's easier to play fish around the boat without the lights set up, especially the stern light. But the lights are safely stored and ready to be mounted and plugged in. I keep a small plastic bag taped to the inside of the center console with spare bulbs, too.

Federal and state boating laws require you to use lights between sunset and sunrise, and (here's the kicker) at other times when visibility if limited. This regulation and other federal rules are spelled out in the Coast Guard pamphlet, **Federal Requirements for Recreational Boats**, which is available free of charge from the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla nearest you or by writing to: U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593.

Another valuable piloting lesson that I learned from a fellow boater concerns lights. If you plan to boat at night, learn to recognize a boat's course and position by the configuration of its lights. Don't depend on the other operator's watching out for you. This general topic is best covered in a more specific article later. Still, this skill comes with practice, but learning it well can prevent a nighttime collision.

Even during daylight hours, it pays to know who has the right of way, especially on some of the busier waterways in The Fisherman readership area. Even so, don't take for granted that the other boat operator knows the rules as well as you do. Piloting defensively applies to boating as well as to automobile highway driving.

For more specifics on navigation rules, inland and international rules of the road, rights of way, and lights, the Coast Guard has available a 211-page book called, **Navigation Rules, International-Inland**. It's available for $6. Contact: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

All in all, practice and experience increase an operator's boating skills. In addition, you can have more successful and trouble free fishing from your boat by boning up on the rules and skills required to be an increasingly better boat operator.

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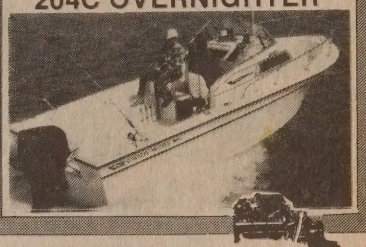

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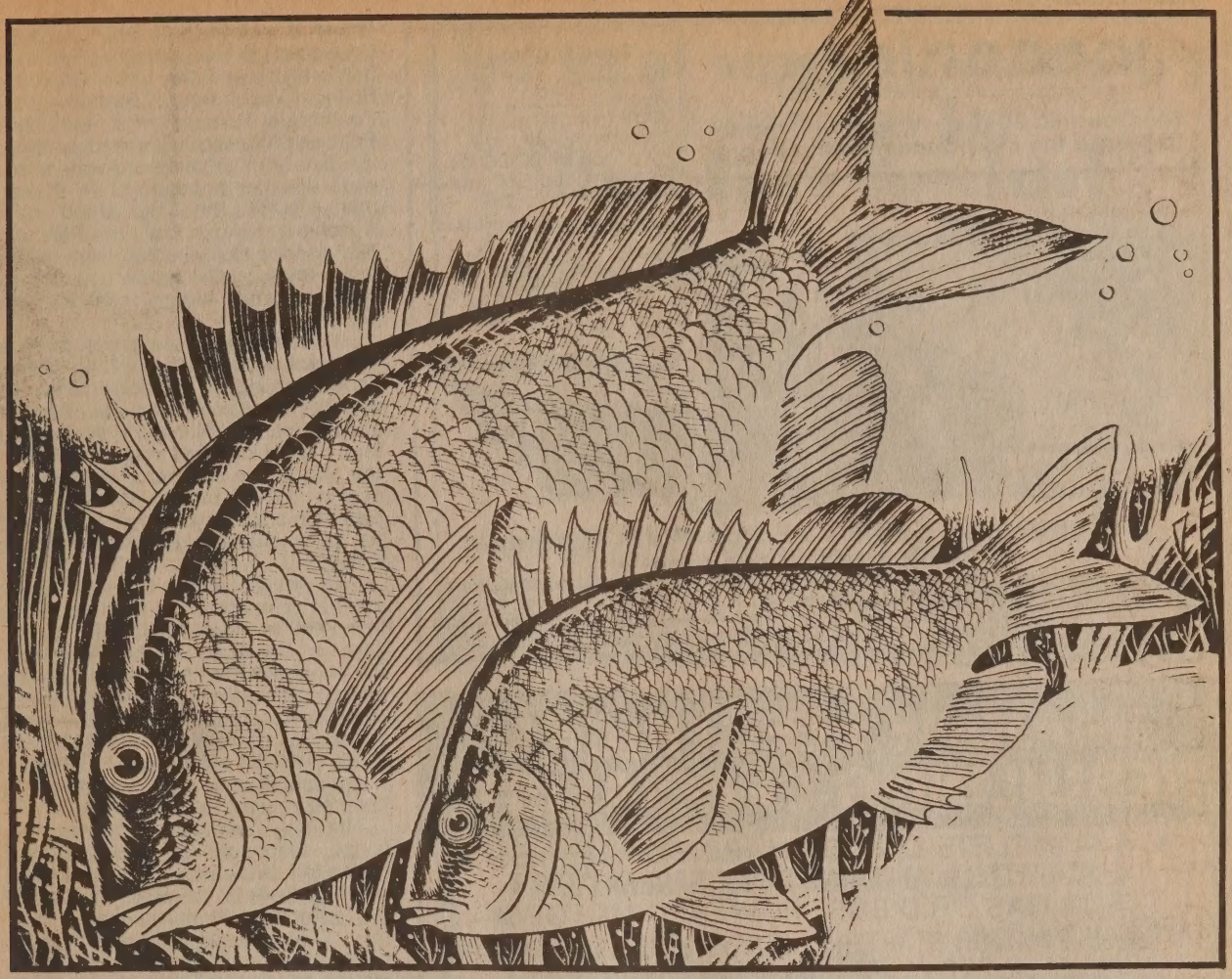

THE FISH THAT GETS NO RESPECT

by Martin & Janet Garrell

"What's your favorite fish?" is a query that all of us hear. "Whatever I'm fishing for, I suppose," is the standard reply for Jan and me. Yet, if really pressed into a spot where there are no blue water enthusiasts and where no mavens of the long wand cast flies upon the waters, I have to admit a special fondness for scup, the little silver fellows with the shoulders.

Maybe it's because **Stenotomus chrysops** reminds me so much of the freshwater scene in which I grew up. Maybe it's because the first time I ever fished the Peconics on a Memorial Day chumming excursion at the tender age of eight, I wrestled a 17 inch porgy into an Uncle's net. (No, I've never caught another even close to that size!) Maybe it's just that I get tired of tentative biters like summer flounder and appreciate an eager eater.

Whatever the reasons, we've got lots of company. It's surprising how anglers without preconceived notions of glamor opt for porgies. When we entertained Karl Koch, the Editor of Germany's largest fishing magazine, **Blinker**, and his 17-year-old son last summer, we set them up with all kinds of fishing ranging from offshore tuna to freshwater largemouth. They jigged for blues and drifted for fluke. Yet, when asked what kind of fishing he wanted to try on his last trip, Stefan never hesitated in opting for porgies!

Bud Dorman, formerly of Montauk, used to call the late September fishing "satisfaction with porgy action" and he's absolutely right. Not only are numbers good or better than at any other time, but larger fish mix in as well. Catches now have quite a few "mediums" to 1¼ lbs. Moreover, if you stick with scup and avoid the temptation to switch to hard baits for tautog, you may find some jumbos of 2 lbs. or more in your bucket. Real die-hards whisper of deep water trips off New London or off south shore wrecks where 3 and 4 lb. scup are occasionally winched to the top. I've never been there—not yet, but Dave Brennan of the Peconic Star keeps promising me that I've got a 19 inch scup in my future, and one of his fares did weigh a 3 lb. 14 oz. giant on honest scales last October.

By late September inshore and offshore are really two different porgy games. The best shot at consistent porgy catches are the North Shore and East End party packet trips. The duo,

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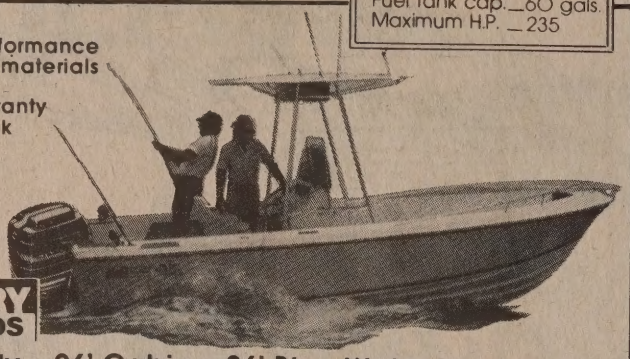

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However, there are times when a chum pot on the Sound in 25 to 50 foot depths can be big medicine when the weather turns cool and pods of larger scup move out. Naturally small boat fans must pick their days, but when the winds are southerly or drop off during the month of October, the same big scup that brings smiles and full pails out east graze the inshore areas in little schools.

Last year Columbus Day was bright and flat calm and I couldn't resist one last shot at scup with light tackle. Charlie Caraftis at the Mattituck Fishing Station loaded me up with the obligatory sandworms and skimmers along with a couple of dozen extra clams and a block for the weighted chum pot and off I went to a deep-water spot east of the Inlet where I'd been successful in previous trips.

The play went according to the script. Only pin porgies and sea robins on slack water, then the pot began to work its magic on the first of the outgoing. Sinker weights went from 2 to 3 oz. and porgy weights went up accordingly. The pick was steady. My final fish, taken as the last slug of chum blew out of the pot and after I'd cut my last slices of skimmer belly, was the best of all: a 13½ inch, 2 pounder. On 2 kg class line, that scup was a handful; it took a good seven minutes before I could reach for the net.

Since then we've compared notes with Sound veterans and concluded that incredibly large porgies can ramble inshore. Within the past year, 4 pounders have been weighed at Mattituck by Charlie Caraftis and at the Glen Cove Sport Shop by John Cacciola. Bill Czech at Jamesport Bait weighed an enormous 24 inch scup a couple of years ago at 6¼ pounds! The very thought of those fish on light tackle, the short, fast bursts, changes of direction, slab sides caught against the currents—all that makes the heart of an inshore light tackle angler beat faster!

Standard rigs are, as always, the hi-lo and the double bottom rig. For the former, what could be simpler than a pair of 14 inch snells tied to perfection loops directly above the sinker and 18 to 24 inches above it? The hooks may vary from 8s up to 1s, depending on the sizes of scup in the area. Small hooks may provide all the mediums you want, but high-up larger hooks may produce the trophies. The same advice holds for the double bottom rig with two hooks snelled together right

above the sinker.

Snell sizes may call for adjustment. Small hooks, small gobs of bait and sinkers to 3 oz. work just fine on 20 pound leader material, but the game gets complicated where deep water and strong tides call for 6 oz. or more. Here both terminal strand with loops, and snells should be beefed up, even to 40 pound material and, if you fish lines testing 12 pounds or less, you'll want to put a swivel some three feet above the topmost hook and couple the terminal tackle there. Anglers who don't correct twisted and tangled rigs lose time and porgies. Big scup seem to ignore a tangled rig of light leader and then jump all over a stiff rig of heavy material on which the hooks hang nicely.

Baiting hooks can be an art form, too. Recently Silas Pointer and his party on the Peconic Star showed us that, although clam bellies are tops inshore, deep water sharpies prefer the tough clam strips that can get past the first nips, which often go unfelt on 70 to 120 feet of elastic monofilament. Pennants outfish gobs in these circumstances!

Those who know how good scup are when marinated, fried whole in deep fat and served with a tangy Mediterranean, Oriental or Middle Eastern sauce, and those who pay top dollar for such delicacies at ethnic restaurants in the Metropolitan Area always wonder why the scrumptious scup gets little or no respect. The IGFA finally got around to ringing up its first porgy record in 1985 and the door to respectability opened just a crack; thus, when I took the 2 lber. on 2 kg line, I filed for a line class record. In a letter to IGFA I explained that, if bluegills and other freshwater panfish had line classes in freshwater record listings, scup were equally deserving.

I was dismayed when an All-Tackle World Record certificate came back. Then a couple of months later an outdoor writer from a Fort Lauderdale newspaper called. "Why," he asked, "would anyone want to hold a world record for a 2 pound fish?" I tried to explain how much porgies mean to us and that a 2 lb. porgy on a line sold as "2 pound test" wasn't such a bad catch, but the explanation fell on uncomprehending ears.

When Berkley found out that the new "world record" scup had been taken on Trilene XT, they asked for an entry in their awards contest. Would they send the $1000 cash prize that other proud anglers receive in line classes for other species? Not for my porgy! Instead a package arrived with a red cap, a flaming red jacket, a spool of new line and a patch. That was it!

So, gentle reader, if you see an angler clad in red, crouched near the stern of a party boat this October, trying to catch a giant porgy or two, and if that person is laughing softly and talking to himself, don't be too hard on him. It's only a slightly crazy porgy angler out there crusading for the fish that gets no respect.

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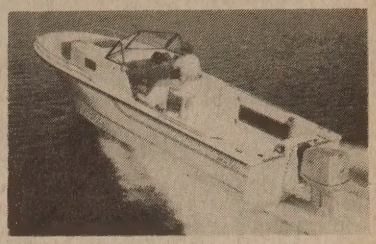

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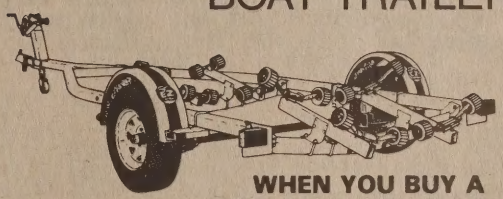

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SALMON RIVER ALTERNATIVES

by Rich Giessuebel

Perhaps the most heavily fished river in the State of New York in respect to total number of anglers per fishable mile of river is the famed Salmon River which runs through the Village of Pulaski and which empties into Lake Ontario at Port Ontario.

The Salmon River isn't really a big river in comparison to the Niagara or Hudson, but it does contain a sizable population of chinook and coho salmon, and brown, domestic rainbow and steelhead rainbow trout in season. The river itself only averages 10 yards wide and 10 to 15 inches deep.

During the trout, salmon and steelhead runs, most anglers are elbow to elbow. Some have fun, but many get very frustrated by the confusion, angling pressure, and difficulty involved in catching a few salmon before the water rises, on weekdays around 11AM. But, because guys love to catch these big fish, I know that they'll continue to face the many hardships involved in putting together a successful samon river fishing trip; however, I can make life somewhat easier for them by describing some other key tributaries which offer excellent salmon fishing but less daily crowd conditions.

In this article, we'll begin near the City of Watertown in the north and work our way south and then west all along the New York shoreline of Lake Ontario. We'll note all the major tributaries and list their snatching sections (always re-check your New York State Fishing Compendium for changes) and name many smaller less known tributaries which also offer fine brown trout and steelhead runs.

Near Watertown, you can fish in several under-utilized rivers. The Perch River to the north of Watertown has a trout and salmon run each fall and snatching is permitted on this river from County Rt. 59 upstream to Rt. 12E. Snatching is where an angler using a rod and reel and weighted treble hook with a hook gap of not more than 1/2 inch casts out and attempts to pull the hooks into an unsuspecting Pacific salmon. That is to say, only chinook and coho salmon are eligible to be snatched. Any other fish whether legally hooked in the mouth or not, must be returned to the water.

Now, you may feel that this practice is unethical; however, let me assure you that if anglers had to rely solely upon the biting abilities of the Pacific salmon during this their spawning run, very few fish would be caught. True, if you're alone in a pool full of salmon, you can get them to chase and strike lures, flies and bait. However, if they're in the river for any considerable time, if they're pursued by throngs of anglers, and if they're allowed to get near to spawning time, the salmon will not strike. Therefore, rather than allow the fish to die and rot along the streams running into Lake Ontario, the DEC has provided many sections along many streams with special regulations where anglers can legally snatch a limit of fish.

The Black River is the second river near Watertown with special regulations allowing for snatching from Rt. 180 upstream to the dam at Mill St. in Watertown. This river is most accessible by boat with the majority of anglers preferring to troll for the monster salmon.

Below Watertown, you come to several great trout and salmon rivers. North Sandy Creek, South Sandy Creek, Little Sandy Creek, and the Lindsey Creek. Each has its own set of special regulations. Beginning with North Sandy Creek, you can snatch Pacific salmon from August 15 through November 15 from the Rt. 3 bridge upstream to Woodville Falls. This is a narrow stream, but on occasions you can find it packed with salmon, steelhead and domestic rainbow trout.

South Sandy is snatchable from Rt. 3 upstream to Monitor Mills Dam. There are several deep water sections of river here, and blind snatching, a less sportsmanly way of snatching is permitted in this section. With blind snatching, an angler casts out and jerks the weighted treble hooks back to himself at a very high rate of speed. Anything hit along the way gets hooked.

In the Lindsey and Little Sandy Creek, along with Irondequoit Creek near Rochester, there isn't any fishing allowed from October 1 until November 30 to let the experimental landlocked salmon to spawn. At all other times, these tributaries house excellent populations of steelhead, domestic rainbows, and brown trout in season.

Below these rivers is the famed Salmon River. Beginning out east, the fishable section of river flows west from Altmar (the Altmar Bridge is the first legal location you can fish) for 13 miles until it empties into Lake Ontario by the Lake Ontario lighthouse in Port Ontario at the end of Lake Street. The first two miles from the Altmar Bridge to the Pineville Bridge is considered the snatching

One body of water often overlooked is Eighteen Mile Creek near Olcott, New York.

section and you can legally fish this way from August 15 through October 15.

For other, more conventional methods of catching these great fighting fish, you can cast flies, lures, or bait anywhere along the entire fishable section of river in and including in the snatching areas. For maximum success, look for areas devoid of other fishermen where you can cast into deep pools and naturally drift your offering into the lairs of the unsuspecting. These pools should be near the mouths of the rivers so that the salmon will not have been in the rivers for any appreciable amount of time. Sound impossible? Well, perhaps it is! However, if you get up very early in the morning and are waiting streamside a half hour before sunrise, you just may get a short period of time when the fish will strike.

Of course, high water affords you all the room you want. Hardly any other fishermen are streamside once the dams begin generating electricity. On the Salmon, you can bet that sometime between 9-11AM the river will rise. The nearer you are to the lake the longer the fishing time. Many guys wait for the water to come up before they begin to fish. They know that there will not be any crowds, just very unsuspecting salmon that will be ten times harder to bring to net.

Below the Salmon River is Grindstone Creek. Once quite a sleeper, this beautiful little stream which empties into the great lake at Selkirk Shores State Parks now gets much attention. Fished best early in the morning, the Grindstone has been home to salmon and big brown trout. Steelhead are often caught off the pier here, as well as in the creek. Spawn bags and little pieces of marshmallow are the ticket. Following the Grindstone is the Little Salmon River, which has little bank potential and the much more important Oswego River.

In the Oswego, anglers line up along a ledge just beneath the power plant. At times of high water, it becomes very dangerous and unless you know exactly where the edge is, do not attempt to fish this area. Others attempt to fish under the spillway for large brown trout, up to 20 lbs., and still others like myself prefer fishing beneath the lock dams which support the inland canal system. In all, the fishable river is less than a mile long. The best area is only 1/4 of a mile long, but all these areas are easy to handle.

At low water, you can see where you are going and fish where you want including the ledge beneath the power plant. At high water, visibility is reduced, but for all practical purposes, you can still fish most places except beneath the power house where it becomes very tricky. Most anglers seen fishing in this river cast Cleo lures for the Pacific salmon. However, instead of the fish striking, most fish are snagged with only those snagged in the mouth being legal fish. There are usually so many fish here that it's next to impossible not to catch one!

This angler scored with a nice steelhead in virtual solitude. It can be done.

Moving west now, out of Oswego, you come to Sterling Valley Creek and Sterling Creek. Here there's much private land, but a snatching section of each river exists. Further along is Wolcott Creek, Sodus Creek with snatching from Ridge Road upstream to the first impassible barrier at Glenmark Road, and Marshall Creek which is best fished for steelhead in the spring, especially after a very heavy rain.

Anglers fishing these smaller tributaries often fish from small boats. They set up along the shore and wait for Pacific salmon to swim by. Fish up to 40 lbs. aren't difficult to see, however, once hooked, it's a different story. Here's what happened on one trip.

"There goes one, called Mike Kersey, freshwater columnist for The Fisherman Magazine in New Jersey. "He's set up right there!"

"I see him," I responded, "go ahead and get 'em!"

With that, Mike cast a Little Cleo lure just ahead of the salmon. We were fishing deep in Sodus Bay just behind the old Rt. 104 bridge and Mike presented his lure perfectly. Wham, bang—the big fish creamed the little lure and immediately headed upstream. "He's a beauty," Mike called as his Shimano MLZ 40 screamed. For better than a half an hour Mike played with that fish. Eventually, he tightened the drag system of his reel and finally, the tired 32 lb. chinook salmon headed for our net. "That was some battle," I told Mike and we soon got back into looking for more fish to head our way. Further west, other opportunities present themselves at the Genesee River in Rochester. This heavily fished river runs directly through this large city and is a sight to see. It is well below Rochester as it meanders through a deep gorge. Snatching is allowed from the Stutson Street Bridge on up to the lower falls. From the bridge out into the lake along Charlotte's pier west to Slater's Creek, anglers troll for salmon on into

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late October. Shoreline anglers cast into the warm water discharge from the Russell Station where Slater Creek enters the lake.

Further west we find Salmon Creek with snatching allowed from Lake Ontario Parkway up to the impassable barrier at the dam above Parma Center Road. Sandy Creek, where from Lake Ontario Parkway south you can snatch up to the Rt. 104 bridge. And Oak Orchard Creek where fishing can be accomplished from the mouth of the creek at Point Breeze and snatching from Rt. 18 upstream to the Waterport dam.

Further along you come to the fishable Eighteen Mile Creek where you can legally snatch Pacific salmon from the railroad bridge in Burt upstream to the Burt dam. This 1/4 mile stretch is heavily fished during salmon season, but after November 15, many steelhead sections become less crowded and much more manageable. The creek meets the lake at Olcott, where you can find lodging, bait and tackle.

After this creek comes Twelve Mile Creek at Wilson. And then the less popular, but often surprising Six and Four Mile Creeks. Eventually, you run out of New York State when you come to the Niagara River at Fort Niagara in the west.

Upstream from this point to the famed falls, you can catch almost any species the big lake has to offer. Smelt are big in the spring and salmon are BIG in the fall; however, steelhead are the favorite of most who fish this fast moving, wide river which is subject to hydroelectric flow variations.

If you are truly looking for something spectacular to do, then go with the family to Niagara Falls. If the wife and kids aren't fishermen, they'll have plenty to do in both Canada and the U.S.A. to keep them busy. As for you, your adventure is yet to begin. IF you can, bring along a stout 9 foot steelhead rod and descend the Niagara Falls Gorge along the patch and stairway by the power project. Beneath, fish whirlpool and Devil's Hole pools. Some guys bring along a tow line to keep themselves from falling into the water from some of the less desirable positions they choose to fish along trails catacombing this area. However, your reward just may be a 10 lb. plus steelhead. Finally, you must remember that this region gets inundated with snow. Squalls, white-outs, and blizzards are all common during the winter, so be careful while trying to take advantage of your own "Indiana Jones" adventure.

Well, there are certainly alternatives to fishing the Salmon River. The best way to find out about these other creeks is simply to devote some time to fishing each. The next time you're at your favorite spot, quit fishing a little early and go ahead and investigate some of these other locations. There will be fish waiting and far fewer fishermen trying to catch them.

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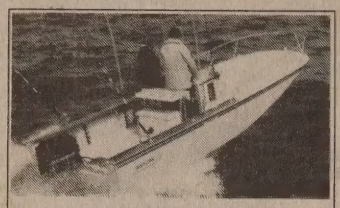
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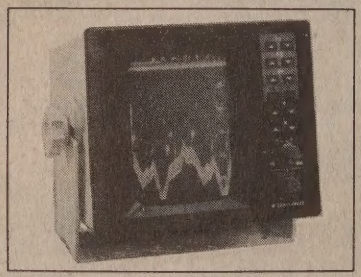
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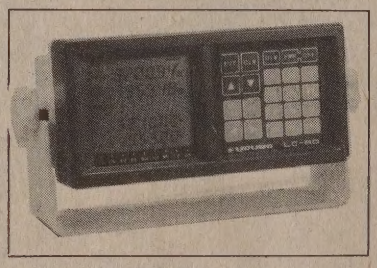
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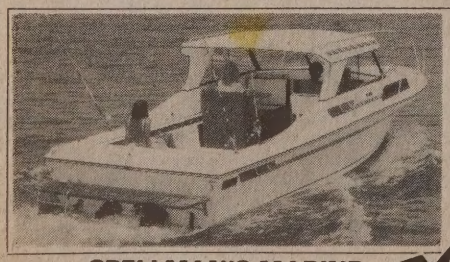
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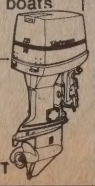
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with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Offshore tuna catches revived the beginning of last week, only to be put down by the gale which shook the Island on Tuesday. Inshore, extraordinary amounts of bluefish, mixed with false albacore and bonito are taking up the slack. Catches of doormat fluke continue on Montauk's south side and inside Shinnecock Bay for those willing to put in the time. Sea bass, porgies and blackfish catches are on the increase.

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A planned offshore tuna trip on the charter boat "Good Shepard" with Captain Jack Mangano, Captain Jerry McGrath, Bob Zunno and Gary Earl on Saturday was hampered by unstable weather conditions, fog, drizzle and lumpy seas. We tried a couple of hours of fruitless tuna fishing at the Butterfish Hole, and then joined the fleet at Cartwright where we caught all the eight to fifteen pound blues we wanted, releasing all that were not gaffed. A few quick drifts on the south side as we headed home, yielded only two fluke, however, Captain Jack's weighed an even ten pounds back at the dock, his largest ever!

Videotape of this trip, with emphasis on the Cartwright Bluefish Rig will be shown on L.I. Fishing this Friday at 7:30pm. Tune in to WLIG-Tv, Channel 55 (also seen on most cable systems, except Cablevision).

Fisherman writer, Brian Mullholand, was aboard Friday nights **Viking Star** tuna trip to the Fish Tails. Brian reported a total of thirteen tuna boated, eleven of which were albacore in the fourty pound range. A small yellowfin and a 210 pound bigeye were caught by Joe Zielinski. Brian cauht two tuna, a yellowfin and an albacore and would have won the pool, if only he had put his money up! Several large tuna were lost, including one at boatside.

The **Starship**, hit a gold mine of tuna on the next night's trip, returning with approximately seventy tuna, according to Dana at **Tuma's Dock**. Dana reported that while offshore tuna action at the "Aquarium" was very good the beginning of last week, with catches of from two to seven tuna a boat, Tuesday's gale seemed to scatter the fish. On Sunday the marina based boat, "Hooker" caught a couple of small bluefins (70-80 pounds), while "Breakaway",

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anchored next to him caught and released a 300 pound blue shark. Local tuna action at the Butterfish Hole has been very erratic since the storm. However, bluefish are stacked up from Shagwong, the Point and along the south side. Very large blues are at Cartwright. Porgy catches of medium to large fish remain steady. Several bass are amongst the blues near the Point, with a few weakfish rumored.

The charter boat **Orion** located five tuna on Thursday, two on Friday, all in the sixty to one hundred pound range at the "Aquarium".

Captain Joe McBride, commenting on the erratic tuna action, related that anglers on the **My Mate** were treated to an "on board seminar on how to fish for tuna" on both Friday and Saturday. Since no tuna were caught, each trip was ended at Cartwright where everyone caught jumbo alligator bluefish. Sunday's inshore trip with Judge Ingrahm and his family resulted in lots of bluefish, and many bass (released) fishing at the Point.

Joan Jonesk, speaking for **Captain's Cove Marina** reported that Captain Jim Humphrey located another mako on the "Knee Deep", this one 238 pounds for the Feeny's. This makes five makos in five trips for this group. On an overnight Canyon trip, on Wednesday night, the "Jinx", returned with fourty-five yellowfin and bluefin tuna. The catch also included one bigeye and a small mako shark. Anglers included Howie Glickberth, Nat and Robert Siegal and Ray Neutono. Early in the week, a super jumbo porgy which weighed six pounds was brought in by Bob Sill. The fish was reportedly caught at Block Island.

Captain Fritz Hubner boated a mako of 250 pounds last Monday, and also released two blue sharks on the **Mistress Too**. However, offshore sharking has been slow since the big blow last Tuesday, with a brown and a blue shark caught on Friday. Captain Hubner reported great inshore action. Tons of false albacore with bluefish at the Point provide good action.

The **Flying Cloud**'s Captain Fred Bird said that everyone is leaving the boat with three quarter to one bucket of porgies, with more large and jumbo scup seen every day. Art Mitchell was high hook on Friday with sixty-two fish, Bradley Hayes with sixty-seven on Saturday. Since the boat is now fishing east of Great Eastern, many sea bass and blackfish are being caught with porgies. On Saturday, Robert Blue of Newberg, New York caught a five and a half pound blackfish. On Sunday Robert Cokley caught one of the largest sea bass ever brought aboard the **Flying Cloud.** The fish weighed six and three quarter pounds and was caught on clam.

A twelve pound blackfish won the pool on the **Little Bear** on Saturday. It took a clam bait in deep water. High hook honors went to Randel Avent with sixty-eight porgies, Sunday was

a repeat. Several sea bass were also caught on the weekend.

Captain Mike Albronda of the charter boat **Montauk**, reported four football bluefin tuna at the Butterfish Hole on Monday before the gale, and two of seventy pounds on Thursday. Inshore fishing is phenomenal with gigantic schools of blues, mixed with bass and false albacore at the Point. Captain Mike remarked that this diamond jigging paradise will get even better as more bait moves into the area. He commented that the lack of commercial pressure because of the ban on bass should provide incredible action. Spinning rods are on board, for optimal sport.

Captain Michael Potts reported a variety of inshore and offshore catches on the **Bluefin IV**. A thresher shark of 148 pounds, with a fourty pound bluefin was caught by the Imperial Sportsman Club Monday. Tuesday's group, the Boeker's, jigged about one-hundred bluefish on the south side. Eighty green bonito were caught at Block Island on Wednesday by the Fray's. Friday's tuna trip with the Stebbens returned with five tuna, albacore and bluefins. Saturday's half day trips with the Romanos and the Fishmans jigged loads of blues. A thirteen and a half pound weakfish was among the catch. Eighty-five green bonito with bluefish were caught on Sunday, at Block Island, with Mr. Pepas.

Large fluke have been located by those willing to put in the time on the south side. On Saturday, Jim Algerio and Dennis Schmidt of Selden, trailored Dennis's boat "Salty" to Montauk. A day's fluking resulted in a total of thirty-five keepers, biggest nine and a quarter pounds, another of seven and a quarter!

Tony Lopez and his friends, fished on the charter boat **Julie III** with Captain Ron Grandinetti on Saturday, where they loaded up with 210 bluefish, top weight sixteen pounds, a load of porgies to three pounds and sixteen blackfish to eight and a half pounds. On Sunday, Joe Bryer and his friends caught 340 porgies to three and a half pounds, a few blues and some sea bass to four pounds. All fishing took place at the Point and Great Eastern.

Captain Phil Lewis encountered a slow down in tuna fishing because of the high winds and murky water, however Rick Malkowski did catch two tuna on the **Adios** on Monday. Many tuna were spotted on Sunday by several captains. However, for some reason they would not bite. Captain Lewis expects good offshore fishing as long as the weather holds, reminding us of the 275 pound mako and blue sharks that were caught last year in mid-October. He is scheduling light tackle catch and release bass trips, with half day trips added to sailing schedule.

With offshore catches slowing, Captain Gene Kelly has started spin casting "special tubes" on light spinning tackle on the charter boat

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Kellyboat. A recent charter with Tom Turso and his friends resulted in eighty bluefish to fourteen pounds, with four stripers to twelve pounds. The group worked their way from Ditch Plains to North Bar, encountering constant action.

June spoke of good tuna action Saturday night at the Canyon with some boats berthed at the **Montauk Marine Basin** returning with good catches. The "Freedom" counted seventeen yellowfin, two longfin albacore and six dolphin, the "Flora R" also had albacore, dolphin and yellowfin. Bluefishing has filled up many fish boxes and is providing a lot of light tackle action. A group that chartered the **Vivienne** on Sunday, returned with a load of porgies and sea bass. Location of the catch was Block Island according to Captain John DeMaio.

Porgies were on the menu for the **Edelman's** fishing trips on the weekend. On Saturday, Lou Rosado fished with Nick Matskiew on the "Sea Whimp", where about one-hundred porgies plus enormous bergalls (over three pounds) were caught at Block Island. A short trip on the "Bullet" with Bob Ishkanian, Codfish Cathy, Penn Representative Chris Nolte, Rick and Lou on Sunday, found more porgy action. Sunday's trip to an area east of Great Eastern located twenty-six jumbo sea bass, some of four pounds on a half day trip with Rick and Lou.

Captain Howard of the charter boat **Reel Magic** fished the "Aquarium" (over 50 miles offshore) with Mike Dean and friends Anthony and Ken to locate two bluefin tuna, 73 and 87 lbs., on Friday. Saturday's shark trip with Chris and Bob Vanderhoef resulted in a pair of heartbroken anglers, when a mako shark, estimated at 150 lbs., ran under the boat, breaking the line after a thrilling fight. Joe Genova, his friends Peter, Walt and Greg caught two bluefin tuna, 78 and 82 lbs. on Sunday, again at the "Aquarium."

Tom Jordan saw many large fluke, all caught on the south side, brought into **Gone Fishing Marina** on the weekend. On Saturday, ramp customers Fred Londo and Tom Policastro returned from their trip on the "Hooker" with 15 fluke, all over 5 lbs. One fluke weighed 8; two weighed 9 and one was 10 lbs.! The marina based boat "Mimi" caught 22 fluke, of mixed sizes, on Sunday. The "Contagious" fished at Cox's Ledge on Sunday, where Sal and Leanne DeMeglio, Tommy and T.J. used bait for 18 codfish and pollock: top weight on the cod 25 lbs., on the pollock 35 lbs. Blackfishing is picking up at outer Shagwong. One angler, armed with only one dozen green crabs, returned with a half dozen blackfish, top weight 10½ lbs. Porgies are thick, most fish medium and large sizes locally. Two marina based boats, the "Barbara Ann" and "Lamplighter" made an overnight trip to Nomans Land for porgies, declaring it unbelievably successful.

Captain Bill Ricca of the charter boat **Alyssa Ann** reports that school tuna are in for those willing to put in the time necessary to catch them. However, there is nonstop action with blues and bonito at the point on light tackle. Bulldog blackfish have started to make a showing locally.

Captain Bob Storc enjoyed fine porgy catches on the charter boat **Caprice** on three trips last week. Monday's trip with Billy Stevens and his family enjoyed good porgy catching with fish to 2½ lbs. at Gardiners Island. The afternoon was spent on Shagwong, with jigs catching all the blues one could handle. Friday's trips with Tom and Walter Michalinis loaded up with porgies to 4 lbs.; Saturday's trip with Phil and Fred Weaver fished the North Ground for four bushels of scup to 2½ lbs.

A group from General Foods Corporation fished with Capt. Jay Rigano on the **Lori Jay** on Friday, seeking tuna both at 40 fathoms and the Butterfish Hole and finding none, loaded up with blues and albacore on the trip home. The next day, Capt. Jay travelled past the 40 fathom line with Al and John Lancelli and did locate two bluefins of 40 and 60 lbs. Sunday's six hour trip to the Dump encountered immediate action with tuna. John Palmieri and his son of **Jack's Bait and Tackle** of New Rochelle, fishing with Pelham Mayor Paul Daronco and friends from NYAC boated six bluefins in the 40 to 90 lb. range. Several fish were broken off, including a screamer which stripped the reel. Captain Jay related that tuna action was hampered by dozens of blue and dusky sharks surrounding the boat and grabbing all baits meant for tuna—even eating part of a hooked tuna.

Henry Uihlein spoke of "tons of bluefish, so thick you could walk on them" from the jetties to the Point, continuing on the south side. Anglers from **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** have returned with blackfish from Washington Shoals, fluke on the south side and flounder from Lake Montauk. Charlie Fox and his wife plucked 18 flounder from 1 to 1½ lbs. from the lake fishing near the Coast Guard station. Henry, Smitty and Sag Harbor resident John Bell fished Washington Shoals on Friday, where

they caught loads of sea bass, a few of 2 lbs., many small porgies, and a load of bluefish on the trip home.

SOUTH FORK

Pretty good action in a variety of species was spoken of at **Harbor Marina** in **Three Mile Harbor**. Buck claimed that bluefishing is outstanding, with blues of good sizes throughout Southold Bay citing Cedar Point, Napeague and Cherry Harbor as sure spots. Good size blackfish have been caught in the Gardiner's Island area. Porgies, good quantities of medium size scup, continue at Cedar Point. Reports of fluke catches continue to filter in from anglers fishing off Gardiner's.

Jay Cafeso, Fred Mayer and Steve Mclaughlin returned to **Bayview Marine and Tackle** last Monday with about thirty blackfish, some up to six pounds in weight. Some very large porgies and lots of bluefish rounded out their catch. The trio used clams, squid and worm, claiming that all the blacks were caught on worms at Gardiner's Island. George Pharaoh noticed that the only snappers left in **Sag Harbor** are quite large, almost bluefish.

Captain Clark Bellows felt that strong moon tides of the past week affected blackfish catches on the **Wilhelric II**, however, all anglers had some fish, despite the heavy leads that were needed. It's always a good idea to check moon phases when fishing the east end because of the strong tides on the new and full moons. However, blackfish catches are expected to return to normal this week. Captain Artie Lach, will be porgy fishing at New London, since catches were very good on the weekend. Anglers averaged from thirty to fifty porgies each, some very large, two to two and a half pounds, with a by-catch of blackfish, sea bass and a few fluke. Bring heavy sinkers.

Sherry Corr reported a catch of porgies made at Heady Creek by Joe and Dee Eisinger, who were fishing on Sunday on their boat, "Haleakala" berthed at **Sherry and Joe Corr's Best Boatworks**. The couple also located a few blackfish at the Ponquogue Bridge. Roy Dawley, with George H. and George A. Luce, the **Rowland Boats and Motors** fishing team, treked to the Butterfish Hole where they caught a 155 pound bluefin tuna with a few football sized fish. While unstable weather cancelled some overnight canyon trips, Sherry heard radio chatter of tuna action Sunday afternoon. Shark action is generally slow, however, early in the week a couple of makos were caught in 180 feet of water.

Al Flexer used his **Flash Jigs** at the Ponquogue Bridge, catching and releasing fifty-three stripers from Thursday to Sunday, remarking that stripers fourteen to twenty inches were everywhere, the Shinnecock Canal, Beach, Inlet, etc. Large bluefish, some to fifteen pounds are hitting jigs, tins and bunker early morning and evenings at the Bridge, inlet and beach. Mike Ponceck fished Sebonac Neck where blues from eight to fifteen pounds jumped on jigs and tins.

A few fluke remain in the bay, mostly keeper size. Al reported fluke of five and six pounds at the Ponquogue Bridge with numerous sea bass to one and a quarter pounds. Flounder of three quarter to one and one quarter pounds were caught in the Basket and west of the bridge near Tiana. Many two to five pound blackfish moved into the inlet and under the bridge.

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South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Fluke continue to fade from the inshore scene while flounder have been slow to fill in their shoes. Blackfish appear to be getting the most attention from sinker bouncers. Bluefishing has been gaining momentum towards the fall peak while the canyon remains red hot for nighttime chunkers. Night bluefish boats have been doing an excellent job on the choppers with just an occasional off night. Snappers have thinned considerably at local docks and piers with the best fishing now from docks close by the inlets.

MORICHES BAY

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Capt. Ron Schleuter of the **Moriches** based **Alma Fleet** spoke of a relatively slow week. The boats are now sailing for flounder but returning with mixed bags of porgies, sea bass, blackfish and flounder. Best flounder action has been on the flood tide between buoys 36 and 42. On a recent trip aboard the Alma, Zeke Weber celebrated his 86th birthday with a pool winning 3 pound fluke. The skipper also wanted to pass along birthday wishes to his mate and daughter Denise on celebrating her 18th year.

"Still some fluke around" according to Gary Grunseich at **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**. Eli Pepper put away a dozen keepers on Saturday fishing near the Elbow and the East Cut. Flounder fishing had been good through Thursday but petered out for the weekend. Gary thought full moon tides might have had some effect on the fish. On Sat-

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urday, Joe Sander returned to the station with 15 flounder and 10 blackfish from south of Buoy 33. He used mussels and worms. Gary added that the hole east of Buoy 42 continues to produce porgies and sea bass on worms. Also, plenty of crabs being taken on bunker bait near buoy 27 and the mouth of the Forge River.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Still some good crabbing at the local docks according to Paul Graniello at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**. Snapper fishing is pretty much over and sinker bouncers are between fluke and flounder. Mixed reports on flounder from boatmen in Moriches Bay. A couple of decent reports during the week from the Great Gun area. A couple of other boatmen reported poor results over the weekend. In Great South Bay, blackfish are getting most of the attention with good catches reported from Kismet Reef, R.M. Bridge, Oak Beach Barge and the mussel beds along South Beach. Some flounder being taken from the Sore Thumb Pocket. Mixed bags of porgies, sea bass, kingfish and blowfish along with an occasional small weak at buoys 13 and 12 south of East and West Island. Paul heard nothing on fluke this week but did know that some big weaks were being livelined in both Moriches and Fire Island Inlets. One customer reported taking some pollock from the Virginia last week. Lots of bluefish outside Moriches Inlet to the Sea Buoy and beyond. Jig, chum or troll wire for fish from 3 pounds on up into the high teens.

Over at **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, Al Colban said that chunking at night at the Canyon remains red hot with many boats reporting catches ranging from 15 to 30 tuna. One private boat was rumored to have returned with 45 tuna. Several swordfish were reported over the weekend as well. Lots of bluefish from the NA Buoy east to Patchogue with fish being trolled, chummed and jigged. Skippies, bonito and false albacore are mixed with the blues. Some decent flounder scores being made at the Sore Thumb and some blowfish, sea bass and crabs are mixed with them. Use worms and clams. Kismet Reef has produced some good blackfish scores with one customer returning with more than 40 nice blacks on Sunday. Tog also being taken at the Old Construction Dock and on the back side of Democrat Point along the rocks. Blowfish, sea bass and porgies in West Channel and at the WR Buoy with sea bass and blackfish at the Coast Guard Station. Best bet for fluke remains outside the inlet from the pound nets out to the reef.

Jim Romano at **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip** said there has been lots of activity at Kismet Reef with

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most sinker bouncers setting their sights on blackfish. Catches of a dozen blacks in the 1-5 pound range have been the norm. Some boats do much better, others not as well. Use green crabs or fiddlers. George Santucci fished near the Coast Guard Station on Saturday and finished up with 60 pounds of porgies to 1¾ pounds. They were taken on clams and mussels and he had sea bass mixed in as well. A few nice fluke still being taken on the Fire Island Reef in 65 feet of water. Snappers are now hit and miss—best bets are the piers at Captree, Robert Moses and Jones Beach.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Laura Lee** reported excellent blackfishing during the week and labeled it good over the weekend. Wednesday and Thursday saw an estimated 250 blacks taken each day. The count dropped to 100 to 150 for Saturday and Sunday. The skipper has been working Kismet Reef as well as various bay wrecks.

From **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore,** Carl Miller reported good blackfishing at Kismet, Oak Beach and the R.M. Bridge. A few fluke being picked outside the inlet and on the ocean reef along with some big sea bass. Jiggers and chummers taking lots of blues in the vicinity of the NA Buoy. Blowfish and sea bass behind West Island near Buoy 8. Clam or bunker chum will help a lot. A few big snappers around but they are fading fast. Best bet for crabs is now the cove at Oak Beach. Chunking at the Canyon after dark has been red hot with most boats working the East Wall. Closer to home, some action with bluefin tuna in the 100-150 pound range reported 4 miles north of the Virginia on the weekend.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Cap-**

tree open boat **Capt. Joseph II** said that fares enjoyed good sea bass fishing most of the week and weekend with good numbers of 1½ to 3½ pound bass taken on Saturday and Sunday. More blacks have been mixed in with the sea bass. Fishing is being done on the Ocean Reef and on the inshore wrecks. Sunday's pool was taken by Dave Gross with a 4.10 pound tautog. Night bluefishing remains very good with nearly 500 choppers taken on Saturday's trip. While the action is hot and will get hotter, angler interest has been fading. As a result, the boat will be sailing Friday and Saturday nights only at 7PM. The fall is a great time to enjoy the season's best bluefishing with small crowds and often wild fishing.

Jim Oliphant called to report on a trip that he, Claude, Norman and Julius made aboard the Joseph II on Saturday. He and his friends did a very good job on big sea bass including 2 that topped the 3 pound mark. The foursome also had porgies fluke and ling among their catch.

Capt. Fred Laier of the **Captree** charter boat **Eagle** worked local wrecks on Saturday. Members of the Gene Kuta party went home with a mixed bag of blues and sea bass. On Sunday, the Vito Mecca party treked to the Canyon for a day trip. They were rewarded with 4 yellowfins and one longfin albacore. The fish were taken by chunking. Fred added that nighttime chunking at the Canyon has been red hot with everyone doing a job on yellowfin, longfins and bigeyes. The skipper has a couple of weekend dates available for extended canyon trips in October.

Capt. Andy Buglione of the **Captree** charter boat **Capt. Andy** reported a nice mixed bag for Sunday's charter. They enjoyed a good pick of sea bass along with a few blackfish while working along South Beach. A switch over to fluke produced 30 keepers for 18 people. Andy noted that blackfishing has been good on bay wrecks and that he has plenty of choice dates available for October.

Capt. Carl Passero of the open boat **Miss Captree** reported good sea bass fishing this past week. Tuesday was one of the better days with 300 bass taken from a local wreck. Sonny Angelica led the way with 37 to 2 pounds. On Friday, more than 200 sea bass to 4 pounds were taken by just 6 fares. He labeled the weekend good with a mixture of blacks and sea bass taken on a north shore wreck on Saturday. Fishing the Fire Island Reef on Sunday produced a nice catch of sea bass along with blackfish and a few nice fluke. A increasing number of blackfish mixing in with the sea bass. Saturday saw a number of 4-8 pound blackfish come aboard. Paul Monahan had Sunday's pool, a 7½ pound tautog.

From **Captree Bait and Tackle**, Noel Kappauf spoke of some pretty decent blackfishing underway with a few nice tog weighed in. Among them was a 10.7 pound bulldog. It was

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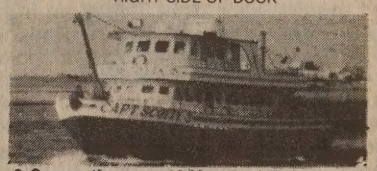

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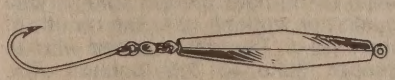

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taken by Jeff Breslow of Bayside, aboard the **Capt. Whittaker** on Saturday. Hoesey Walker of Queens checked in a 6 pound blackfish taken from shore on the north side of Parking Field 2—Robert Moses. As we spoke on Monday morning, several anglers had returned for more bait. They reported good action with porgies and sea bass on the Robert Moses fishing piers. A few decent catches of flounder being made in the Sore Thumb Pocket on worms. Noel reminded that he has a good stock of fiddler crabs at Captree Bait and Tackle as well as at Jones Beach Bait Shop.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** reported excellent night bluefishing with only 1 tough night in the past couple of weeks. High hooks have been unloading 40 to 50 blues while catches of 25 to 30 blues have been more the norm. There has been some good sea bass action with porgies and blackfish mixed in on the F.I. Reef and ocean wrecks. Also a decent number of fluke on the reef. These are mostly 2-4 pound fish. Saturday's trip resulted in 45 fluke.

Speaking from **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Tom Healy revealed that flounder fishing has been showing signs of life in the State Channel, at Tobay, Gilgo and Grass Island. Flood tide has been best. Some decent flounder fishing with porgies mixed with them at Sore Thumb and some decent blackfish on the Kismet Reef. Many reports of catches ranging between 12 and 24 blacks per boat. On Wednesday, the private boat Three Sons baited and jigged an estimated 100 blues, most of which were released. The fish ranged to 8 pounds and were taken near the San Diego. One customer working near the mouth of the Inlet on Tuesday returned with 14 keeper fluke to 3½ pounds. The Babylon Tuna Club held their annual Albacore and Bonito Contest on the weekend. In the false albacore division, Charles Witek took first with a 9.15 pounder. Gary Bruckner took 2nd with a 9.1 pounder. In the bonito division, Charles again took top honors. This time with a 6.1 pound bonito. Tom Innamorata took 2nd with a 4.2 pounder. On Sunday, the B.C.A. charter boat Tork I returned with several school bluefins from northwest of the Virginia. They also reported dropping an estimated 200 pounder at the boat. On Saturday, another B.C.A. charter boat, the Ida Jean trolled a 60 pound yellowfin for Jim Smith. Capt. Fred Muller reported 66 degree water temperature near the Virginia. Ted Freund and his crew aboard Irish Faker spent Saturday night at the Canyon. Chunking produced 15 yellowfins and longfins to 90 pounds.

Capt. Ralph Green of the open boat **Miss Babylon** said that he continues to pick away at the fluke with some good action still taking place in the State Channel and at the R.M. Bridge. Most trips have seen fares average 4 keepers apiece.

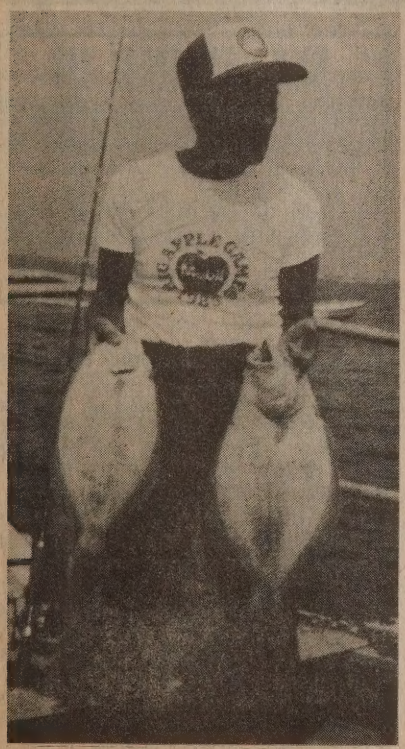
John Obedzinski at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** weighed a 9.2 pound blackfish for Gary Cornelia on Tuesday. It was one of 15 taken at Kismet Reef on green crabs. Though there are still some around, snappers appear to be headed out. A few nice fluke are

still around with the best catches being made outside the inlet. Some weaks being livelined near the Sore Thumb and blues are solid in 90 feet of water SE of the Inlet on bait and chum. A mixed bag of flounder, porgies, sea bass and blowfish in the Copiague Hole on worms and clam chum.

The biggest blackfish to come to our attention this weekend was an 11½ pounder weighed at **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** in **Lindenhurst** by Cliff Lang on Saturday. He told Jimmy Schaefer of Charlie's that he took the fish at Kismet Reef on a green crab. Jimmy reported generally good blackfish action at Kismet. A mixed bag of flounder, porgies and sea bass at the Copiague Hole and also at the Sore Thumb Pocket. A few weakfish continue to be livelined at the Old Construction Dock and the vicinity of the Sore Thumb.

Chester Shew of **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiauge** said that Glen Renkin checked in with 15 blackfish to 5 pounds and an 11½ pound weakfish from Kismet on Friday. On Saturday, Joe Gardula fished the Rota Wreck for 20 blackfish to 6 pounds. He also had a 20 pound bass which was released unharmed. Bob Froehlich, Mike Armstrong and Jimmy Holister went 6 miles south of the inlet to connect with 50 blues from 8 to 12 pounds. Some flounder being taken in the Sore Thumb Pocket, Bergen Point and the Copiague Hole. Crabbing remains decent and snappers are still around but thinning rapidly.

According to Bob Vitale of **Bob's**



Joe Mazimuto with 2 of 18 keeper fluke taken back in August aboard the Sheepshead Bay based "Hi Hook."

Bait and Tackle in **Amity Harbor**, Bob Pagliarulo and Buzzy Bozelli have been doing a good job on weakfish with live bunker in the Wantagh and Jones Beach area. Their biggest of the week was a 12¼ pounder. Fred Walters and crew put 40 flounder aboard the Reel Affair on Saturday. They worked the State Channel between the Babylon and Amity Cuts. The boat Early Riser had a like amount in the same area. During midweek, Jerry Shatz of the Shatz-Sea had a nice catch of flounder and porgies working the State Channel near Lindenhurst. Best bluefish reports seem to be coming from the vicinity of the NA Buoy.

From **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**, Frank Pristera said that blackfish are now getting most of the attention in the bays with some good scores now being made at Kismet. Some blacks mixed with sea bass to 3 and 4 pounds on the F.I. Ocean Reef. Some weaks being livelined at the Old Construction Dock on bunker.

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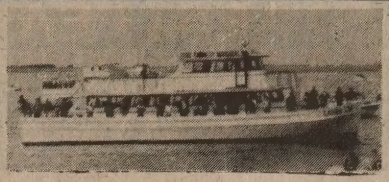

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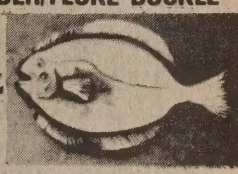

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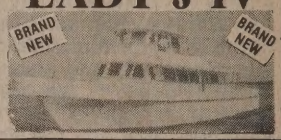

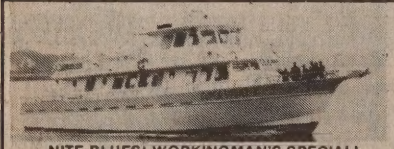

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As we move further into the fall, solid mixed bag catches are being taken in the bays including the still lingering fluke. Flounder, sea bass, porgies, blues, weaks, kingfish, blackfish and blowfish are all available inside, while on the outside the week has seen fair to excellent bluefishing days and nights with some trips better than others. However, the fish are now generally a lot larger. We hear of lots of mako and tuna at the canyon also.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

Over in Seaford, **Capt. Eddy's Fishing Station** says the flounder are now showing along with blows, sea bass, kings, porgies, fluke and snappers—real good mixed bags. Best action has been at Massapequa Cove on worm and clam. Bridge areas have also been productive, also furnishing blacks on fiddlers.

We learn from **Wanser's Tackle** that fall flounder have picked up at Massapequa Cove and Four Corners. One customer had 32 keeper fluke, fishing off the Tobay Boat Basin in the State Channel. Inside is a mixture of blacks, flounder, sea bass and blues, while outside has been good bluefishing at Cholera and along the beaches. Snappers and blue claw crabs continue to oblige.

Over in Wantagh, Mike at **Causeway Tackle** says that fair fluking continued through the week though things were slow around the moon. Boats averaged 5 to 12 keepers per on the flats south of the Blank Banks, at Merrick Point and Broad Creek. Incoming was best on killies. A few sea bass taken with them. Floundering has been okay mainly on the ebb with heavy chumming necessary. Best areas have been Amityville Cut, Squaw, Fundy and the northeast side of the Big M. On Sunday, Mike and Millie Milio on their boat, All Hands, took 45 flounder to 1¾ lbs. on an ebbing tide using red dyed clam at the Amityville Cut. Blackfishing was very good on the weekend at the local bridges and was fabulous on the offshore wrecks. High and low slacks have been best inside using fiddlers and greens. Snappers a very good item on the south side of the bay to 1 lb. on spearing. Flooding tide at the Big M has produced big weaks at night on live bunker. And in the same

area during the day, blues 8 to 12 lbs. also on live bunker. BCCs at Merrick Flats on rings or traps. Small sea bass and porgies on clam or squid scattered all over, along with triggerfish and blowfish. Four to 15 lb. blues in the deep holes at Cholera.

From **Merrick Tackle** in Bellmore we hear word of good blackfishing this week at the 2nd Wantagh on fiddlers. Flounder making a nice showing in Swift Creek and at the Big M with blues off Long Beach on plugs and tin late afternoons and early mornings.

At **Garan's Tackle** in Merrick, Gary's customers told him of flounder in Swift and Fundy and Short Beach Cove. Very decent blackfishing at the Big M. The canyon has been very productive on makos and various tunas, while fluke continue to be a good item around the offshore wrecks.

Out of the Freeport area, we hear from the **Capt. Andy II** that while Monday through Thursday was tough with the flounder catches, Friday, Saturday and Sunday were very good with mixed catches of nice flounder, porgies and sea bass, all caught local.

We hear from the **Lady J Fleet** of charter boats that they sailed good bluefish trips this week, though some were better than others results-wise. The weekend did show a consistent upswing, having passed the wind and moon tides. Blues ran from 1½ to 7 lbs. this week said Capt. Pat and most action was on diamond jigs along the beaches from Jones to Fire Island inlet and also offshore. Trips were sailed this week for: Ed Mahner group, Al Italia Airlines, Odgen Foods, Kodak, Ernst & Whinney Co., Dr. John Palombo group, Joe ''Ambrosio, John Byrne, Sam Ratkewitch group and Goldman Sachs Brokerage.

Captain Tony of the **Bluefin Fleet** described the week's bluefishing as tough on the day trips, but good on the night trips. Results were very good in the bay fishing flounder, porgies and sea bass at the Big M on slack. Only a couple of spots remain open on the boat's October tuna trips, said the skipper. See ad for details.

Word from Capt. Mike Dannon of the **Captain Lou Fleet** was of very good to excellent floundering this week. On the full day boat, high hook honors went to Bill Suracino with 57 on Friday. Thirty-eight fish rang the bell Saturday for Joe Lagudi. Plenty of sea bass and porgies and a few weaks and kings mixed in. The half day boat also had excellent flounder-ing with high hooks in the 20s and 30s. Captain Mike says the new boat he's building is coming along on schedule and should be up by winter.

Captain Richie Kessinger of the **Star Stream II** says that the day and night bluefish trips have been good and consistent. He's fishing generally SE of Jones in 60 foot depths days and 90 foot depths nights and choppers are being taken to 15 lbs.

Bob at the **Freeport Boatmen's Association** tells of blues being jigged

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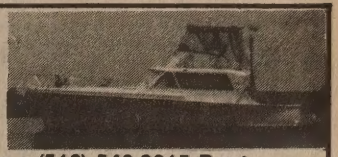

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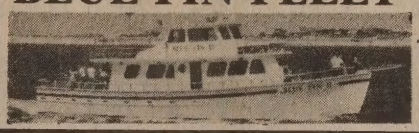

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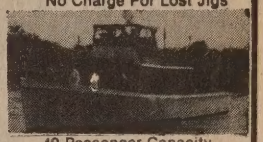

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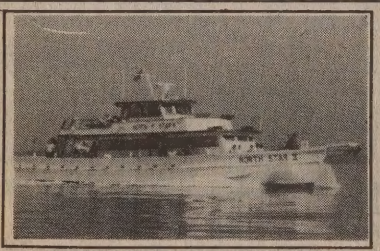

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Over in Point Lookout, skipper Al Lindroth of the **Capt. Al** has been filling customers' sacks with mixed catches of sea bass, blackfish, small cod, some porgies, Spanish mackerel, etc., Sea bass especially were in abundance over the weekend. The two days tallied up roughly 2500 plus sea bass which ran from pins to 4 lbers. Al says that when the bottom fishing appears to be a lot more productive than the bluefishing, he will go after the bottom fish. See ad for details on fall special.

We learned from the charter boat **Marie III** that their bluefishing charters all week had excellent catches. Five anglers on Thursday had over 120 fish to 12 lbs. Friday's trip for Skip Hull and group had over 200 blues from 10 to 15 lbs. Saturday, Saturday night and Sunday also had good bluefishing with about 300 fish taken on the night trip. Everything has been on bait and chum south of Cholera in 100 to 110 ft. of water.

Captain Ron of the **Miss Point Lookout II** called his night bluefishing trips super fantastic with fish 4 to 10 lbs. and most of those being gaffers. He's still sailing 7 nights a week for blues with small crowds and big catches... not a bad combination. Day trips for flounder have become better than last week in Swift and Long Creeks with some larger fish now showing in Reynolds. A 3 lber. was caught on Sunday's AM trip. On the PM trip Gabe Petitbois bagged a 2½ lber. Ron says that now we are off the moon, the bottom should really be strong.

Word out of **Ed's Fishing Station** is of Gary Stamile and Rich Balsano of Valley Stream and their 45 blackfish taken on green crab at the Big M. Seventy flounder in Swift Creek was the tally for Rod Malone and buddy Howie Fein on worms. Flounder starting nicely in Reynolds and blacks at the bridges while weaks can usually be found under the bunker schools in Reynolds and Sloop Channel. Plenty of sea bass and porgies off the golf course and high school.

A call from **Scotty's Fishing Station** tells of Bill Magale with his catch of blues to 18½ lbs. taken at West Bar on frozen bunker. Blackfish at all the bridges on fiddlers and green crab. Joe Fayden bagged a 10 lb. black at the T-Wreck. Inside the bay sea bass, porgies and an occasional kingfish are filling out anglers' bags.

From **Long Beach Boat Rentals** Bernie tells of Dave Faurrigio and his 4 kingfish to 1 lb. taken in front of the marina on bloodworms over the weekend. Good catches of blackfish at the ABB and at offshore wrecks on fiddlers and greens. Alligator blues at the ABB as evidenced by a 19 lber. that fell for a fresh dead bunker offered by Jerry Resnik. Flounder have been slow but the best of the action has been at buoys 3 and 9.

We learn from **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook that there have been plenty of blackfish caught at the local bridges and jetties, mixed sizes. Flounder have been very good in the area of Swift, the CG station and the Jones Beach piers. Chumming is a must. Plenty of snappers and the blue claws Charlie classified as "good."

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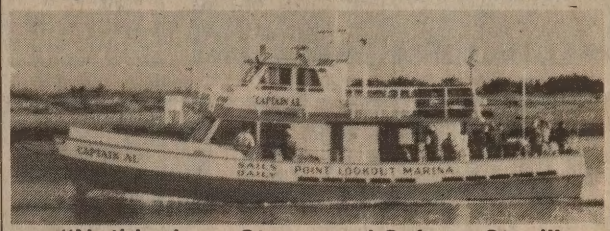

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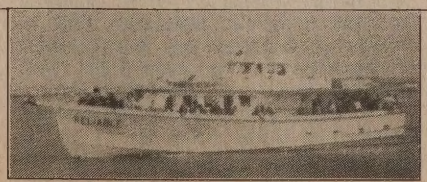

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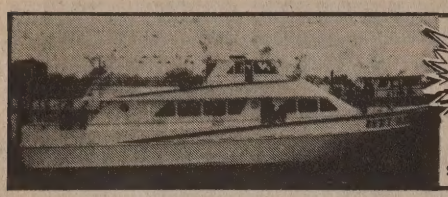

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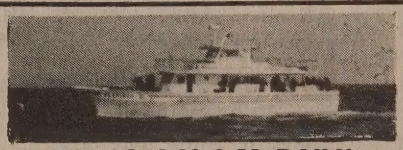

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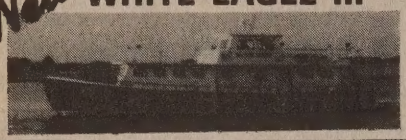

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for his charters on big blues and striped bass, with the latter being released. More weakfish now said Ron running 8 to 10 lbs. with best action in the New York Bight area or Raritan Bay on umbrellas and jigs. Ron says he heard of 5 giant tuna each going over 500 lbs. being caught this week at Mud Hole West.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Artie at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** says some large porgies are being caught off the north and south channel bridges on worms, while boat fishermen continue to take fluke between Canarsie and Mill Basin with best catches on spearing-squid combos. Big blues and weaks in the bay on live bunker. Blackfishing good on fiddlers and green crab. Flounder starting in the Breezy Point area. George Pflug nailed a 15.3 lb. weak on live bunker, while Lou Vologno was happy with a 15 lb. 15 oz. blue and also a 13¼ lb. weakfish, both of which were taken on live bunker. Vinnie Badame had weaks of 11¼, and 11.10 lbs. on bunker fillet.

To the west in Sheepshead Bay we learn from Capt. Mike Brum of the charter boat **Daybreaker** that Friday's charter chunked big blues at Farms, while Saturday's charter plugged the Rockaway jetty area for weaks, bass and bluefish with a very good catch. Of course, the stripers were released.

At **Mike's Tackle** directly across from the fleet, the Mad Mario report is of good blackfishing off Seabright with porgies mixed in. Fluking was good Saturday but dropped off on Sunday. Blues have been hot and cold on day and night trips, but the fish have definitely gotten bigger. Friday, the bluefish boats had a big hit 35 miles south of the jetty. Flounder starting in Jamaica Bay. Big night bluefish at Norton's Point and off Manhattan Beach on bunker or butterfish.

Captain Bob of the **Flamingo III** reports that his customers had a lot of large blues right through Thursday in the 6 to 20 lb. range with weaks mixed in, but that action dropped a lot Friday through Sunday mainly due to

the effects of the full moon. Loads of fish around, however, said Bob as many were foul hooked. Also loads of fish were marked on the machine, but the fish just developed their customary temporary lockjaw. Fares are catching weaks everyday up to 40 per trip and there are weakfish on every drop. Lots of action should be breaking open by the time you read this report. Most action has been on diamonds, but methods will switch to bait and chum if needs be.

Word from the open boat **Zephyr** is that fluking was super Monday through Thursday and then the weather descended making Friday a toughie. Saturday and Sunday came back a bit as things calmed down. Fluke are running from shorts to 5 lbers., with a 50 percent and above keeper ratio. Still plenty of fluke around, particularly in the back bays at the Tin Can and at Long Branch.

North Shore REPORT

with Marty Garrell

A good week of fishing and a sloppy Sunday, due to the sudden easterly switch of winds, were reported in most sectors. Porgy fishing was excellent from west to east; most sources feel that this has been the best year in a long, long time. Fall tautog are now on the upswing and there are still slammer bluefish in local harbors to the west.

WESTERN SOUND

John DiCuffa at **Jack's Bait** on City Island called the fishing "unbelievable." Tautog in the 35 lb. class were taken in 50 to 60 feet of water off Pea Island and around Gangway Rock, while large scup continued to please everybody on the party boats. Flounder were making an early showing while bluefish were feeding on local porgies, now that bunker are scarce. "It's the best time of year if you want to do some serious fishing," said diCuffa.

Phil Nasi at **Glen Cove Sport** said, "They've been whacking the blues real good in the harbor." There were both school bass and blues on the beaches with an occasional linesider to 20 lbs.

Pete Pearson on the **Klondike VIII** provided information about decent bluefish catches during the week and a fair weekend with a lot of fish around. Sizes ranged from 3 to 15 lbs., and the open water temperature in the Sound is still 58 degrees. What surprised Pearson on Sunday was the presence of great numbers of blues on the charts, despite the picky action. Still the boat generally had 5 or 6 fish on at once. Most of the fishing has been around Eatons, Stamford or Norwalk. The New Rochelle boat will be sailing at 8AM through the fall.

Both the **North Star** and the **Apache** have been doing a bang-up job on scup. Pete Anderson said that Saturday was very good on the grounds off Huntington and Lloyds and off Buoy 11B. There's a leap job on smaller porgies in 35 feet of water while the larger fish are in 55 to 60 feet. Sunday was a picky day, probably because of the northeast winds and dropping water temperature.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

George Valentine at **Four Winds** said "Bluefish are just incredible," after weighing Al Mott's 20.4 and Hugh Chancey's 19.15 last week. Fishing chunks in Northpor Harbor on Saturday, Larry CHancey, John Emil and Pete Farrell had more than 50 blues from choppers to slammers over 17 lbs. Diamond jigging was good off Eatons and Buoy 11B as well; Mike Romano weighed a 9.5 weakfish at the shop, and there were loads of bass in the Triangle to be caught and released on jigs or drifted worms.

Our congratulations to Diane Collins and Bobby Beck who were married on Sunday. "Sissy" Collins is the daughter of long time local captain, Packy Collins and Bobby Beck is also one of the Huntington "regulars."

Mike, Rob and Larry Eckart with blues from 14½ to 17½ lbs. taken inside Lloyd Harbor on Gibbs plugs. The fish were checked in at Four Winds Bait and Tackle in Huntington.

Bob Cedar at **Huntington Prop** liked the scup fishing off Eatons, buoys 13 and 11B with loads of 1 to 1½ lb. fish. There were also porgies off Asharoken in 20 to 30 feet of water and around Marshall Field Buoys 2 and 15. Tautog were to be found off Buoy 11B. The store weighed two blues at 22 lbs. each last week, the biggest slammers of the season.

At **Greenlawn Sport Shop** Mel Fleischmann was selling a lot of bunker to anglers fishing blues in the harbors. Northport was the spot of choice for locals with packed bunker schools pulling the slammers to 18-20 pounds. There were no fluke in reports last week.

Tom Bowman at **Bowmans** in Northport advised those in pursuit of slammers to go as far back as they could in the harbor. Snagging bunker for bait was a good idea, although the best fish of the week was taken on a bucktail and 10 lb. test line. This was an even 20-0 gorilla whipped by Bill Lauer at Sand City. Tautog made a strong showing in 40 to 45 feet of water on crab baits.

Tim Caraftis at the **Caraftis Fishing Station** in Port Jefferson told us that scup fishing was better inside the harbor over the weekend for medium sized fish. Waters were still warm for the tautog to show locally, but chunkers were doing well on bluefish with a few bass around.

Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's Fishing Station** in Mount Sinai liked the Middle Grounds for tautog, especially the 25-30 foot depths, now that the moon tides are past. Porgies are all over the place and it looks like we'll all be chunking blues into November, says Davenport.

Don Boccio, Jr., took a 10 lb. bass on a Rebel, ending a long search to break into two digits. This was confirmed at the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** Sunday. Bluefish were the norm in all reports from the beaches. Although 3/4 oz. pencil poppers and surface poppers to 1½ oz. sometimes work at daybreak, the bigger fish are taken on bunker. Sizes run 3 to 5 lbs., with a few fish over 10. Sales are running 80 lbs. of bunker per day.

Among the mid-island fishermen, John Alberda's **Sound Charters** seems to be doing quite a leap job on bluefish. Despite the weather on Sunday, Bob Bach's party of three had roughly 60 fish from 3 to 10 lbs., and Saturday's angling for George aND Art Travis, Andy Fromia and Joe Figgia was even better. They had nearly three times as many blues in a half day. Because weekends are booking fast, Alberda advises sports to try the weekdays and he anticipates good bass and tautog angling later in the season, too.

Roy Cash of the **Port Jeff Ace** had an excellent week of fishing except for two picky days early in the week. Even Sunday provided full buckets despite rough seas with scup to 1¼ lbs. in most pails. On weekdays when the boat can fish the Middle Grounds, fish are even bigger, but lead to 8 ounces or more in 30 feet of water make it difficult for crowds. There should be easier tides this week. There are literally "all the blues you

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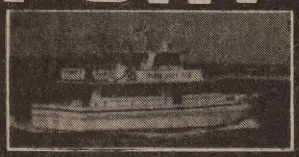

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NORTH FORK

Sal Loria at **Captain Marty's** in New Suffolk had a nice high score to report from the deep hole between Nassau Point and old Buoy 23. By drifting, anchoring and chumming one group of sharpies pulled a splendid mix of tautog and porgies plus some weakfish to 3 lbs.

Warren's Tackle Center in Aquebogue saw Peconic porgy fishing as a bit spotty, but liked the Sound action east of Mattituck Inlet. There were now tautog close to shore with bluefish on the beaches for chunking action, especially early in the morning and late in the evening. Water temperatures on the beach are now around 64 degrees.

There were some large blues in the evenings off Bailey's Beach, according to Maureen Caraftis at the **Mattituck Fishing Station**. Some of the largest gorillas weighed 17-22 lbs. and were taken on chunks. The best catch of bottom fish came from Coopers and the bungalows for one of the private craft on Saturday, although porgy fishing had some good innings east of the inlet. The problem according to Matty at the **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** was the bluefish activity. Big scup to 3¼ lbs. were found in 50 feet of water and sharpies who waited them out could pick up 20 fish a day.

Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** saw the first tautog from the Brickyard, fish to seven pounds. He figured from bait sales that chunking activity off Horton's was picking up now. Best private boat action was out east with bluefish everywhere. Pete Izzo and Ed Czelatka of **Boanne II** and **Sea Boots** had good reports daily from east of the Ruins and south of the Race. There were plenty of scup off Eastern Plains Point and south of Fisher's Island, too.

For Ruth White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in **Greenport**, it was the same story, with open boats loading up and good crowds fishing the daily porgy trips. There were tautog to eight pounds on the **Peconic Star** and an occasional weakfish to eight pounds taken by the bluefish charters.

John Rainis of the **Prime Time III** felt that the tautog fishing was just outstanding for this time of year, despite the strong moon tides. There were plenty of taug to eight pounds,

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Surf REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

South shore surfmen continue to benefit from one of the best mullet runs in years with good numbers of stripers being taken from Shinnecock west through the Rockaways. Schoolies with a good number of 10 to 15 pound fish make up the bulk of the action but in some areas, there has been a pretty fair pick of 20 to 40 pound fish. Montauk has been inundated with bluefish to the point where it has hindered the efforts of some casters looking for weaks and bass. Big blues are harrassing bunker in Jamaica Bay making for great surface action on poppers and surface swimmers. On the North Shore, though few casters are working the beaches, there is still a good pick of school bass and some big blues on bait in a number of areas.

Wall to wall bluefish all week long was the word from Johnny Kronuch at **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in **Montauk**. Saturday was the only off day but the fish were thick again Saturday PM, Sunday and Monday (9/22) morning. During the week the fish were in thick along Shagwong, North Bar and the Light around into Turtle Cove. Sunday and Monday saw the heavier concentrations from Ditch Plains to Town on the south side. On Sunday, John Schauer and Billy 'Blitz' put away 40 blues at Ditch Plains. The fish have ranged from 3 to 7 pounds with an occasional larger chopper mixed in. John added that a few scattered weaks as well as a few bass have been culled from among the blues on night tides. Popping plugs and tin have both taken their toll on the blues.

According to Paul Graniello at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, the past two days have produced a fine run of stripers from Shinnecock west to Davis Park on Fire Island. Blue swimming plugs, blue darters and blue popping plugs and needlefish have all accounted for their share of action from the mullet hungry bass. Many of the fish have been schoolies and fish up into the low teens but there has

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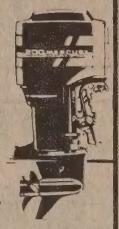

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been a fair number of 20 to 30 pound fish taken as well. Many casters have been working the Smith Point shore in front of the Pavillion and from Cut 2 to the Inlet. Other casters report finding fish along Fire Island National Seashore which opened last week to beach vehicle owners. Both sides of Moriches and Shinnecock Inlet have produced their quota of bass. Ozzie Van Helmond and Dave Ebner enjoyed a good pick of 10 to 15 pound stripers over the course of last week. Ed The Red and Stretch got in a good inning of bass to 14 pounds using Bombers and Redfins on Friday and Saturday evenings at Smith Point. Stretch also had an 11 pound weakfish. One of the better scores of larger fish was racked up by Billy Kobel and partners Jeff and Mike. The trio accounted for 11 stripers in the teens and 20 pound class last Monday. Billy would be well advised to get in his licks now as he is the proud father of a new baby girl. Bill's likely to find his fishing time dimished somewhat by his latest addition. Our best to he and his wife Nancy! Paul added that there have been sporadic flurries of bluefish along these same beaches. Some big blues continue to be picked at night on bait with butterfish a popular ticket. No consistency to the big blues however as of yet. Paul reminded that National Seashore Rangers have been checking casters in an effort to enforce the striped bass ban.

Inveterate caster, Steve Bunai made his season on Wednesday night while fishing near Shinnecock. The Port Jeff angler found a pod of feeding stripers and managed to land several fish in the 20 to 30 pound class as well as a couple of lesser

High Hill Striper Club member, William C. Miller, with an 18 lb. striper just prior to its release. It was taken in Jones Inlet back in August.

fish. Bomber plugs did the trick here.

The stretch of South Shore from Fire Island to Jones Inlet has been among the areas producing a steady pick of large stripers among the school fish. Steve Petri, Sr. had the best fish to come to our attention this week. While fishing a chunk of fresh bunker in Fire Island Inlet on Tuesday, the New York City fireman had a 50 pound striper inhale his bait. He and a friend spent more than 20 minutes reviving the big fish before it swam off none the worse for wear. Congratulations to Steve.

Blue darters, bottle plugs, Needlefish and swimmers were responsible for a number of nice stripers along this stretch last week. Among them were Mike Campanelli's 33 pounder taken Sunday morning, Joe Sapienza's 32, my 26, Ray Bartlett's 24 and Tom Healy's 38 pounder.

Tom Healy, who also handles the chores at **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** relayed word of good flurries of bluefish at Robert Moses—fields 3 and 4, Monday and Tuesday. He also checked over a catch of 6 nice weakfish taken on bunker in Fire Island Inlet by a caster who preferred anonymity.

Mike Nicoletti at **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in **Wantagh** reported a good mullet run underway this past week with a good showing of school bass along with a fair number of 10 to 40 pound class stripers being taken. He knew of weaks in the 6 to 12 pound class along with some school bass and big blues taken in Jones Inlet at West End 2, Saturday night into Sunday morning. Seven inch swimming plugs with teasers produced best with the rainbow finish Bomber a particularly hot number. A pick of big blues on bait continues at West End after dark and small blues and bass to 15 pounds being picked mornings and evenings between Parking Fields 6 and 9—Jones Beach.

Bob Litke worked the Jones Beach area on two occasions this past week. He connected with 5 bass Wednesday evening and 3 more Friday evening. The fish ranged to 30 inches and were taken on 6 inch Bombers with a teaser. He also told of dropping a big fish on Wednesday.

Gateway Striper Club member Joe Augeri reported that 18 members of the club descended on West End—Jones Beach Saturday night. By dawn Sunday, 12 big blues and 1 weakfish had been taken on bunker chunks fished near the jetty. Joe also revealed that big blues have been herding bunker in Jamaica Bay from the Marine Parkway Bridge to the entrance of Sheepshead Bay all week long. Big pencil poppers and metal lipped swimmers have produced fish into the high teens at dawn and dusk. Sunday evening saw Tony Lore take a pair of 17 pounders. Joe himself clicked with a 17 pound chopper. Both anglers dropped other big blues. Blueback swimmers in the 5-6 inch size continue to take a lot of school bass on the back side of Breezy Point.

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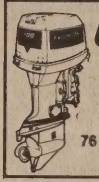

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Charlie Beckmann at **Beckmann's Tackle Shop** in **Lynbrook** reported the surf has been hot for the last 10 days through Long Beach, Atlantic Beach and at Breezy Point. Lots of 3 to 5 pound blues have been making regular forays along these beaches and a lot of school bass with an occasional fish to 30 pounds have been harassing pods of mullet. This has been particularly true at Long Beach and Atlantic Beach. Hot plugs for bass have been the Superstrike Needle and Bombers.

Reports from **Wanser's** in **Seaford** and **Merrick Tackle** in **Bellmore** confirmed reports of plenty of striper action as well as blues in the surf from Tobay through Point Lookout and Long Beach.

Frank Lallo called to report that he and friends have been connecting with school bass to 7 pounds every night along the Manhattan Beach shore. Small Rebel swimmers fished after dark have been the ticket. Popping plugs accounted for a mess of 7 to 8 pound blues Thursday evening in this area. On Friday, Patricia McNanny landed her first blue in the surf. The chunky 10 pounder was taken on a butterfish. On Thursday night, a caster known only as John connected with a 15 pound weak on a bunker chunk. Frank added that the surf from Manhattan Beach to Kingsboro College has been consistent all week long.

Stan Hentschel at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** reported some fine action with school bass of 20 to 28 inches just east of Wading River this past week. An occasional 10 to 12 pound fish mixed in also. Rebels and Redfins fished in conjunction with droppers are accounting for most of the fish. Saturday night saw Don Boscio, Jr. take his first striper, a 10 pounder. Baitfishermen continue to take blues in the 10 to 13 pound range along local beaches on bunker chunks.

A reminder to all Long Island Beach Buggy Association members that the organization will be holding a surf

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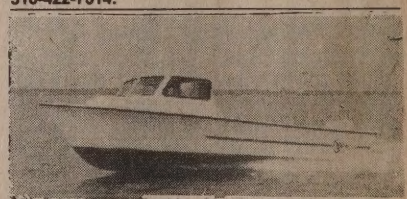

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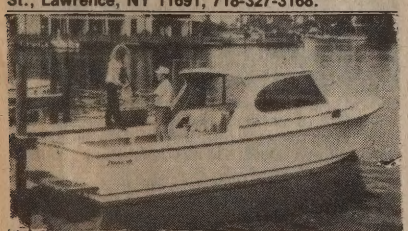

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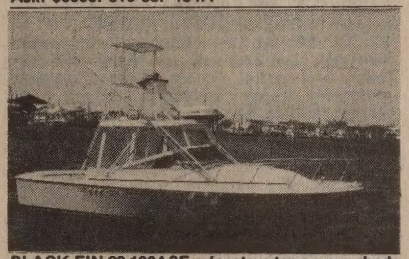

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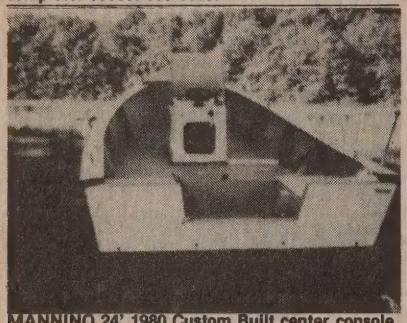

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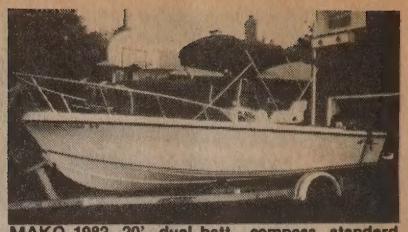

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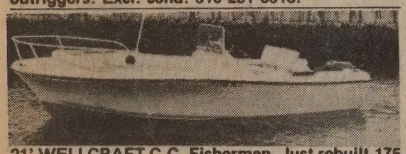

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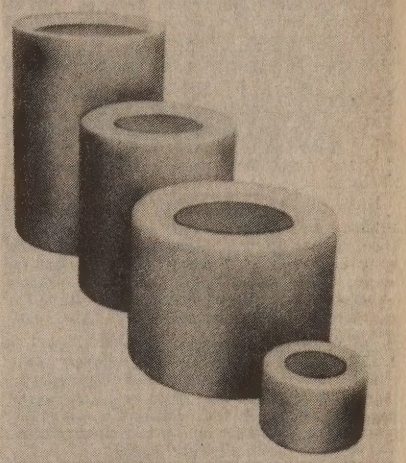

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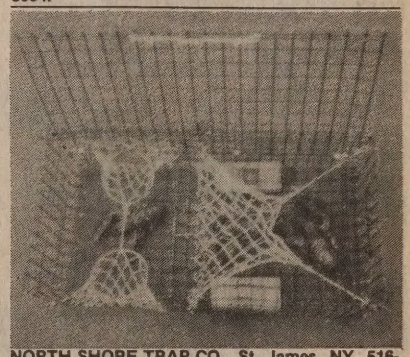

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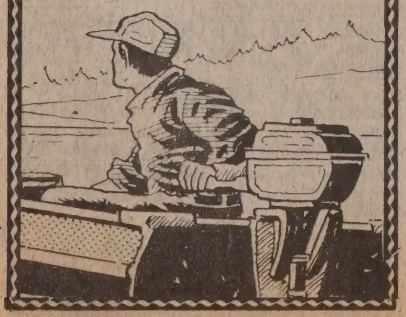

contest for bass, blues and weaks beginning Friday, October 24th at 6PM through Sunday, October 26th at 3PM. An awards ceremony will follow at 3PM Sunday. Scene of the contest will be Smith Point County Park and adjacent Fire Island National Seashore. There will also be a junior division for youngsters 16 and younger.

Freshwater REPORT

with Tom Schlichter

Freshwater reports continued to prove difficult to come by this week as tackle shop owners report most fishermen working the salty side. There are fish to be taken in the sweetwater haunts, however, as the few anglers that gave it a shot this week met with a fair amount of success. Bass fishing seems to be on the upswing as the bigmouths begin to store up fat reserves for the fall. Trout fishing continues to improve and panfishing remains good. Upstate, the salmon run on Lake Ontario is now in full swing. Although there were no reports of pickerel taken this week, it seems a good bet that these fish would be on the feed now that water temperatures are dropping.

Speaking from **Causeway Bait and Tackle**, **Wantagh**, Mike Nicolletti informed us that late last week, Jeff Bollback checked in a 6.14 pound bass taken on a live killie in the Peconic River system. Closer to home, the South Twin Lake is producing a steady flow of bass in the ten inch to fifteen inch range. Most of these fish are responding to live killies fished late in the evening or just after dark. The Mill Pond is giving up a few small bass as well. Crappies fishing remains unchanged with anglers picking up a fish here and there. Most are accidently taken by the bassers. Carp fishing is still slow. Mike also mentioned that a few of his regular patrons have been heading out to Hook Pond in the Hamptons, where they are using killies to put a healthy dent in the white perch population. Some of the perch have weighed in at as much as one pound.

At **Edelman's Sportsman's Center**, **Farmingdale**, Fred Laager was happy to tell us that he had the chance to stop down at Lower Yaphank Lake over the weekend and toss a few productive casts. Using a black and brown Devil Bug, he nailed two 3.25 pound smallmouth bass. Of the largemouth action, Fred reported fish available to those who give it a try. David Gilberti worked the east side of Lake Ronkonkoma with a jointed Rebel and connected with a bass weighing 3.2 pounds. A few anglers have mentioned that the fly fishing for trout in the Connetquot and Nissequogue rivers has been very good of late, however, no fish have been weighed.

Speaking of the Connetquot River, I got in a couple of hours during the late session on Thursday and can confirm that the trout were in a feeding mood. Dry flies and muddler minnows accounted for some fast action near the "mill tail" with rainbows up to about two pounds. Park manager Gil Bergen told me that the fishing has been solid for over two weeks now and anglers are taking fish on a variety of patterns. One angler using a "Montreal" with the wings clipped back really knocked the fish dead on Wednesday.

From **J&R Sports Center**, **Oakdale**, Phil reports a lack of anglers fishing the freshwater side. About the only information to come through the doors this week is that a fair number of small trout are actively feeding in Bubbles Falls.

Over at **J&J Bait and Tackle** in **Patchogue**, Paul Graniello knew of some red hot action with yellow perch in Patchogue's Lace Mill Pond. Also, Bob Brustad of East Patchogue, stopped by with a twenty-four inch pickerel.

From the **Sportsman's Center**, **Medford**, Al Schreier tells us that the bass fishing in Lake Ronkonkoma is pretty good right now. As evidence, he offered the 4.15 pound bigmouth that fell for a nightcrawler fished by Tony Haviland. Al commented that the fish seems to be feeding, there just aren't too many anglers working them right now.

A call to the **Fisherman's Deli** in **Riverhead**, revealed that not enough anglers were out on Sunday to give an idea of how well the fish are biting. The shop was closed on Saturday as George had to attend a wedding ceremony, his own. We would like to extend to the Devlins our sincere wishes for the best of luck and happiness.

The word from Bill Johnson of **Odessey Charters** in **Rochester**, is that the salmon run is still going strong. The fish are stacked up in front of the Genessee River where J-plugs worked behind planner boards are taking fish in the twenty to twenty-four pound range. The boats are working shallow water in the morning and then moving out to thirty-five foot depths for the afternoon sessions.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . –0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	1:00	1:20	2:00	2:25	1:55	2:15	3:10	3:25	4:55	4:50	4:50	5:10	1:05	1:40	9/25
FRI.	1:55	2:15	2:55	3:25	2:45	3:05	4:15	4:25	6:15	5:55	5:45	6:05	2:05	2:40	9/26
SAT.	3:00	3:15	3:55	4:25	3:50	4:10	5:20	5:25	7:30	7:30	6:45	7:05	3:10	3:40	9/27
SUN.	4:05	4:20	4:55	5:25	4:55	5:15	6:10	6:20	8:25	8:35	7:40	7:55	4:15	4:35	9/28
MON.	5:10	5:25	5:50	6:15	5:55	6:10	7:00	7:05	9:15	9:20	8:30	8:50	5:05	5:25	9/29
TUES.	6:00	6:15	6:40	7:00	6:45	6:55	7:40	7:50	9:50	9:55	9:15	9:35	5:55	6:10	9/30
WED.	6:45	7:00	7:25	7:45	7:25	7:40	8:15	8:30	10:15	10:25	10:00	10:20	6:35	6:55	10/1
THURS.	7:30	7:40	8:05	8:25	8:00	8:15	8:50	9:10	10:45	11:00	10:40	11:00	7:20	7:35	10/2

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehobeth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	–0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point, north side	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	–0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rochelle	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	–1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 9/25	6:50	6:52
FRI. 9/26	6:51	6:50
SAT. 9/27	6:52	6:48
SUN. 9/28	6:53	6:47
MON. 9/29	6:54	6:45
TUE. 9/30	6:56	6:44
WED. 10/1	6:57	6:42

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 9/25	10:55PM	2:20PM
FRI. 9/26	11:50PM	3:10PM
SAT. 9/27	—	3:55PM
SUN. 9/28	12:50AM	4:30PM
MON. 9/29	2:00AM	5:00PM
TUE. 9/30	3:05AM	5:25PM
WED. 10/1	4:15AM	5:50PM

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NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
9/4	9/11	9/18	9/26

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	11:15	5:05	11:45	5:30
Fri.	—	6:00	12:10	6:25
Sat.	12:40	6:45	12:55	7:15
Sun.	1:30	7:35	1:45	8:00
Mon.	2:15	8:20	2:30	8:40
Tues.	2:55	9:00	3:10	9:25
Wed.	3:40	9:45	3:55	10:05
Thurs.	4:20	10:25	4:35	10:50

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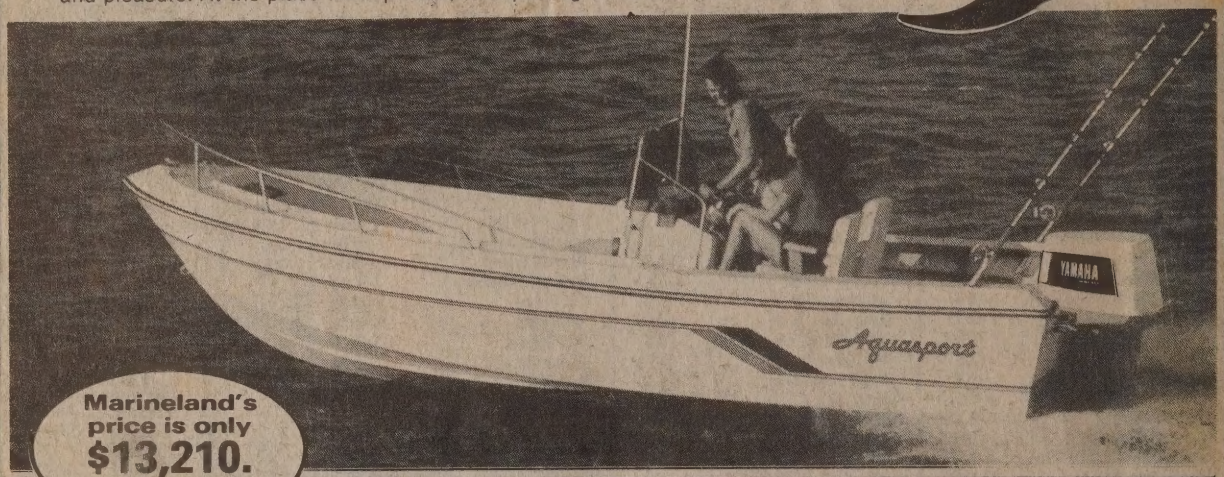

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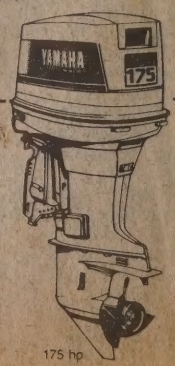

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